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Story of David and Nabal

1. David
2. Nabal
3. David's Army
4. Abigail
5. Servants
6. Nabal's Household

1 Samuel 25:28-35

Please forgive the trespass of your servant. For the Lord will certainly make my lord a sure house, because my lord is fighting the battles of the Lord, and evil shall not be found in you so long as you live. If men rise up to pursue you and to seek your life, the life of my lord shall be bound in the bundle of the living in the care of the Lord your God.

1 Samuel 25:28-35

And the lives of your enemies he shall sling out as from the hollow of a sling. And when the Lord has done to my lord according to all the good that he has spoken concerning you and has appointed you prince over Israel, my lord shall have no cause of grief or pangs of conscience for having shed blood without cause or for my lord working salvation himself.

1 Samuel 25:28-35

And when the Lord has dealt well with my lord, then remember your servant. And David said to Abigail, "Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who sent you this day to meet me! Blessed be your discretion, and blessed be you, who have kept me this day from bloodguilt and from working salvation with my own hand!

1 Samuel 25:28-35

For as surely as the Lord, the God of Israel, lives, who has restrained me from hurting you, unless you had hurried and come to meet me, truly by morning there had not been left to Nabal so much as one male." Then David received from her hand what she had brought him. And he said to her, "Go up in peace to your house. See, I have obeyed your voice, and I have granted your petition."

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Leviticus 19:14

You shall not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind, but you shall fear your God: I am the Lord.

1. Stumbling blocks damage relationships

Stumbling Blocks Damage

- 1. Distract from calling
"appointed you prince over Israel"
- 2. Deceive from the truth
"all the good that he has spoken"
- 3. Deter from relationship
"my lord working salvation himself"

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Greek word **Skandalon** was the part of a trap to which the bait is attached, a snare

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2. Peace Process Clears the Way

Matthew 18:15-20

15If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. 16But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. 17If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.

If A Brother Sins Against You

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| Confront | <i>Show him his fault, just between the two of you</i> Goal: Win your brother over |
| Counsel | <i>Take one or two others along</i> Every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses. |
| Church | <i>Tell it to the church</i> Corporate gathering to discuss the issue |
| Cease | <i>Treat him as you would a pagan</i> Stop church privileges and intimate fellowship Remove the spiritual covering of the church |

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3. Partnership Increases Authority

Matthew 18:15-20

Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.

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