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## 2 SAMUEL 16:1-14 (NIV)

16 When David had gone a short distance beyond the summit, there was Ziba, the steward of Mephibosheth, waiting to meet him. He had a string of donkeys saddled and loaded with two hundred loaves of bread, a hundred cakes of raisins, a hundred cakes of figs and a skin of wine. <sup>2</sup> The king asked Ziba, "Why have you brought these?" Ziba answered, "The donkeys are for the king's household to ride on, the bread and fruit are for the men to eat, and the wine is to refresh those who become exhausted in the wilderness." <sup>3</sup> The king then asked, "Where is your master's grandson?" Ziba said to him, "He is staying in Jerusalem, because he thinks, 'Today the Israelites will restore to me my grandfather's kingdom.'" <sup>4</sup> Then the king said to Ziba, "All that belonged to Mephibosheth is now yours." "I humbly bow," Ziba said. "May I find favor in your eyes, my lord the king."

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As King David approached Bahurim, a man from the same clan as Saul's family came out from there. His name was Shimei son of Gera, and he cursed as he came out.  
<sup>6</sup> He pelted David and all the king's officials with stones, though all the troops and the special guard were on David's right and left. <sup>7</sup> As he cursed, Shimei said, "Get out, get out, you murderer, you scoundrel!" <sup>8</sup> The LORD has repaid you for all the blood you shed in the household of Saul, in whose place you have reigned. The LORD has given the kingdom into the hands of your son Absalom. You have come to ruin because you are a murderer!"  
<sup>9</sup> Then Abishai son of Zeruiah said to the king, "Why should this dead dog curse my lord the king? Let me go over and cut off his head."

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<sup>10</sup> But the king said, “What does this have to do with you, you sons of Zeruiah? If he is cursing because the LORD said to him, ‘Curse David,’ who can ask, ‘Why do you do this?’” <sup>11</sup> David then said to Abishai and all his officials, “My son, my own flesh and blood, is trying to kill me. How much more, then, this Benjamite! Leave him alone; let him curse, for the LORD has told him to. <sup>12</sup> It may be that the LORD will look upon my misery and restore to me his covenant blessing instead of his curse today.” <sup>13</sup> So David and his men continued along the road while Shimei was going along the hillside opposite him, cursing as he went and throwing stones at him and showering him with dirt. <sup>14</sup> The king and all the people with him arrived at their destination exhausted. And there he refreshed himself.

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🐾 SHIMEI KICKED DAVID WHEN HE WAS DOWN

🐾 DAVID DID NOT RETALIATE



## MATTHEW 5:38-39 (NIV)

<sup>38</sup> “You have heard that it was said, ‘Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.’ <sup>39</sup> But I tell you, do not resist an evil person. If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also.



## 2 SAMUEL 19:19-20 (NIV)

<sup>19</sup> and said to him, “May my lord not hold me guilty. Do not remember how your servant did wrong on the day my lord the king left Jerusalem. May the king put it out of his mind. <sup>20</sup> For I your servant know that I have sinned, but today I have come here as the first from the tribes of Joseph to come down and meet my lord the king.”

## 2 SAMUEL 19:23 (NIV)

<sup>23</sup> So the king said to Shimei, “You shall not die.” And the king promised him on oath.



## 1 SAMUEL 25:33-34 (NIV)

<sup>33</sup> May you be blessed for your good judgment and for keeping me from bloodshed this day and from avenging myself with my own hands. <sup>34</sup> Otherwise, as surely as the LORD, the God of Israel, lives, who has kept me from harming you, if you had not come quickly to meet me, not one male belonging to Nabal would have been left alive by daybreak.”

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# IMPLICATIONS

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## ROMANS 12:17 (NIV)

<sup>17</sup> Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone.



# ROMANS 12:21 (NIV)

<sup>21</sup> Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.



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🐾 NEW COVENANT RELATING

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🐾 REQUIRES FOCUSING ON WHAT LIFE IS ABOUT

🐾 COMES FROM CONFIDENCE IN GOD

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