

CHASING DAVID

WEEK 7

FINDING STRENGTH WHEN PEOPLE CAUSE PAIN 2 SAMUEL 16,19

For years, David reaps consequences of his sin. His family and kingdom fracture. Finally his son Absalom starts a rebellion. David must flee...

...a man came out of the village **cursing them**. It was Shimei son of Gera, from the same clan as Saul's family. He threw stones at the king..."Get out of here, you murderer, you scoundrel!" he shouted at David. "The Lord is paying you back for all the bloodshed in Saul's clan. **You stole his throne**, and now the Lord has given it to your son Absalom. At last you will taste some of your own medicine, for you are a murderer!" 2 Samuel 16:5-8 NLT

Despite severe insult and injury, David has learned to be:

1. _____

"Why should this dead dog curse my lord the king?" Abishai son of Zeruiah demanded. "Let me go over and cut off his head!" "**No!**" the king said. "Who asked your opinion, you sons of Zeruiah! If the Lord has told him to curse me, who are you to stop him?"
2 Samuel 16:9-10 NLT

David shows _____

Fools **show their annoyance** at once, but the prudent **overlook an insult**.
Proverbs 12:16 NIV

It is a man's **glory** to overlook an offense. Proverbs 19:11b NIV 84

David shows _____

Fools give **full vent** to their rage, but the wise **bring calm** in the end..
Proverbs 29:11 NIV

2. _____

Then David said to Abishai and to all his servants, "My own son is trying to kill me. Doesn't this relative of Saul have **even more reason** to do so?"
2 Samuel 16:11a NLT

David sees the _____ behind the _____

3. _____

"Leave him alone and let him curse, for **the Lord** has told him to do it. And perhaps **the Lord** will see that I am being wronged and will bless me because of these curses today." 2 Samuel 16:11b-12 NLT

David trusts that _____

So David and his men continued down the road, and Shimei kept pace with them on a nearby hillside, cursing and throwing stones and dirt at David. 2 Samuel 16:13 NLT

4. _____

Shimei...hurried across with the men of Judah to welcome King David. A thousand other men from the tribe of Benjamin were with him... They crossed the shallows of the Jordan to bring the king's household across the river, **helping him in every way they could.**
2 Samuel 19:16,17,18a NLT

Shimei fell down before him. "My lord the king, **please forgive me,**" he pleaded... I know how much I sinned. That is why I have come here today, the very first person in all Israel to greet my lord the king." 2 Samuel 19:18b-20 NLT

Then Abishai son of Zeruiah said, "**Shimei should die,** for he cursed the Lord's anointed king!" "Who asked your opinion, you sons of Zeruiah!" David exclaimed...This is not a day for execution, for today I am once again the king of Israel!" Then, turning to Shimei, David vowed, "Your life will be spared." 2 Samuel 19:21-23

Fools **mock at making amends** for sin, but goodwill is found among the upright. Proverbs 14:9 NIV

THE BOTTOM LINE

When I believe God has _____ me

And God has _____ for me

Then I can _____ and _____

The LORD is compassionate and merciful, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love. Psalm 103:8