

The Conscience Question

BETTER DECISIONS, FEWER REGRETS

Question #3: Is there a _____ that deserves my attention?

“What about this _____ me?”

It’s generally a _____ to take our cues from what does and doesn’t bother everybody else when something is bothering us.

_____ tension

We all have a tendency to discount truth by discounting the truth

_____.

If something _____ you, let it bother you. Don’t ignore it.

Face the tension until either it _____ or you decide to go a different way.

1 Samuel 24:1-3 After Saul returned from pursuing the Philistines, he was told, “David is in the Desert of En Gedi.” 2 So Saul took three thousand able young men from all Israel and set out to look for David and his men near the Craggs of the Wild Goats. 3 He came to the sheep pens along the way; a cave was there, and Saul went in to relieve himself. David and his men were far back in the cave.

1 Samuel 24:4(a) The men said, “This is the day the LORD spoke of when he said to you, ‘I will give your enemy into your hands for you to deal with as you wish.’”

....then David crept up unnoticed.

David had no _____ that things were going to work out.

We believe we can _____ the outcome.

Disappointment is what we experience when we _____ predict the future.

1 Samuel 24:4(b) *Then David crept up unnoticed and cut off a corner of Saul’s robe.*

1 Samuel 24:6-7 *He said to his men, “The LORD forbid that I should do such a thing to my master, the LORD’s anointed, or lay my hand on him; for he is the anointed of the LORD.” 7 With these words David sharply rebuked his men and did not allow them to attack Saul. And Saul left the cave and went his way.*

1 Samuel 24:8 *Then David went out of the cave and called out to Saul, “My lord the king!” When Saul looked behind him, David bowed down and prostrated himself with his face to the ground.*

1 Samuel 24:11-12 *See, my father, look at this piece of your robe in my hand! I cut off the corner of your robe but did not kill you. See that there is nothing in my hand to indicate that I am guilty of wrongdoing or rebellion. I have not wronged you, but you are hunting me down to take my life. 12 May the LORD judge between you and me.*

1 Samuel 24:12 *May the LORD judge between you and me. And may the LORD avenge the wrongs you have done to me, but my hand will not touch you.*

Don’t use someone else’s bad _____ to make a bad decision, no matter how right it may seem.

DECISION #3: THE CONSCIENCE DECISION

I WILL _____ EVEN WHEN I CAN’T PINPOINT
THE **CAUSE** OF MY HESITATION.

I WILL _____, RATHER THAN **IGNORE** MY CONSCIENCE.