

**“THE SMALL CHOICES AND DECISIONS WE MAKE
A HUNDRED TIMES A DAY ADD UP TO DETERMINING
THE KIND OF WORLD WE LIVE IN.”**

—HAROLD KUSHNER

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**“SUCCESS IN LIFE DOES NOT DEPEND ON THE DREAMS
YOU DREAM BUT THE CHOICES [DECISIONS] YOU MAKE.”**

—GEORGE SWEETING

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**“YOU ARE NOT A VICTIM OF YOUR CIRCUMSTANCES,
BUT YOU ARE THE OUTCOME OF YOUR
CHOICES AND DECISIONS.”**

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**“TELLING YOURSELF A POSITIVE STORY DOES NOT ENSURE A
GOOD OUTCOME, BUT TELLING YOURSELF A BAD ONE
OFTEN GUARANTEES A BAD ONE.”**

—SHANE PARRISH

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BLAME YOU B-LAME!

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**“I HAVE NEVER MET A MAN WHO HAS GIVEN ME AS MUCH
TROUBLE AS MYSELF.”
—D.L. MOODY**

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THE ILLUSTRATION

JOSEPH GENESIS 37-40 VS DAVID I SAMUEL 16-2 ; SAMUEL 24

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- **MEET THEM AS TEENS**
- **WATCH THEM FACE CHALLENGES**
- **CELEBRATE THEIR SUCCESSES**
- **OBSERVE THEIR TEMPTATIONS**
- **TRACE THEIR OUTCOMES**

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⁶SO HE LEFT ALL THAT HE HAD IN JOSEPH'S CHARGE, AND BECAUSE OF HIM HE HAD NO CONCERN ABOUT ANYTHING BUT THE FOOD HE ATE.

NOW JOSEPH WAS HANDSOME IN FORM AND APPEARANCE. ⁷AND AFTER A TIME HIS MASTER'S WIFE CAST HER EYES ON JOSEPH AND SAID, "LIE WITH ME." ⁸BUT HE REFUSED AND SAID TO HIS MASTER'S WIFE, "BEHOLD, BECAUSE OF ME MY MASTER HAS NO CONCERN ABOUT ANYTHING IN THE HOUSE, AND HE HAS PUT EVERYTHING THAT HE HAS IN MY CHARGE.

⁹HE IS NOT GREATER IN THIS HOUSE THAN I AM, NOR HAS HE KEPT BACK ANYTHING FROM ME EXCEPT YOU, BECAUSE YOU ARE HIS WIFE. HOW THEN CAN I DO THIS GREAT WICKEDNESS AND SIN AGAINST GOD?" ¹⁰AND AS SHE SPOKE TO JOSEPH DAY AFTER DAY, HE WOULD NOT LISTEN TO HER, TO LIE BESIDE HER OR TO BE WITH HER.

—GENESIS 39:6-10

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¹IN THE SPRING OF THE YEAR, THE TIME WHEN KINGS GO OUT TO BATTLE, DAVID SENT JOAB, AND HIS SERVANTS WITH HIM, AND ALL ISRAEL. AND THEY RAVAGED THE AMMONITES AND BESIEGED RABBAH. BUT DAVID REMAINED AT JERUSALEM. ²IT HAPPENED, LATE ONE AFTERNOON, WHEN DAVID AROSE FROM HIS COUCH AND WAS WALKING ON THE ROOF OF THE KING'S HOUSE, THAT HE SAW FROM THE ROOF A WOMAN BATHING; AND THE WOMAN WAS VERY BEAUTIFUL. ³AND DAVID SENT AND INQUIRED ABOUT THE WOMAN. AND ONE SAID, "IS NOT THIS BATHSHEBA, THE DAUGHTER OF ELIAM, THE WIFE OF URIAH THE HITTITE?"

⁴SO DAVID SENT MESSENGERS AND TOOK HER, AND SHE CAME TO HIM, AND HE LAY WITH HER. (NOW SHE HAD BEEN PURIFYING HERSELF FROM HER UNCLEANNESS.) THEN SHE RETURNED TO HER HOUSE. ⁵AND THE WOMAN CONCEIVED, AND SHE SENT AND TOLD DAVID, "I AM PREGNANT."

—2 SAMUEL 11:1-5

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"SINCE NO MAN EVER CAN, OR COULD, LIVE BY HIMSELF OR FOR HIMSELF ALONE, THE DESTINIES OF THOUSANDS OF OTHER PEOPLE WERE BOUND TO BE AFFECTED, SOME REMOTELY, BUT SOME VERY DIRECTLY AND NEAR AT HAND, BY MY OWN CHOICES AND DECISION AND DESIRES, AS MY OWN LIFE ALSO BE FORMED AND MODIFIED ACCORDING TO THEIRS."

—THOMAS MERTON

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THE INSTRUCTION

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I. CLARIFY YOUR VALUES

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"DECISION MAKING IS EASY WHEN YOU CLARIFY YOUR VALUES"

—ROY DISNEY

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**J.C. RYLE'S 6 WAYS TO KNOW YOU'RE
MAKING A BAD DECISION:**

- #1 YOU AVOID INPUT FROM PEOPLE YOU RESPECT.**
- #2 YOU DON'T CONSULT THE WORD OF GOD.**
- #3 YOU DON'T PRAY FOR GOD'S LEADING.**
- #4 IT DOESN'T BUILD YOU SPIRITUALLY.**
- #5 IT UNDERMINES YOUR INTEGRITY.**
- #6 IT LEADS YOU INTO TEMPTATION.**

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**²⁴DO YOU NOT KNOW THAT IN A RACE ALL THE
RUNNERS RUN, BUT ONLY ONE RECEIVES THE PRIZE?
SO RUN THAT YOU MAY OBTAIN IT. ²⁵EVERY ATHLETE
EXERCISES SELF-CONTROL IN ALL THINGS. THEY DO IT
TO RECEIVE A PERISHABLE WREATH, BUT WE AN
IMPERISHABLE. ²⁶SO I DO NOT RUN AIMLESSLY; I DO NOT
BOX AS ONE BEATING THE AIR. ²⁷BUT I DISCIPLINE
MY BODY AND KEEP IT UNDER CONTROL,
LEST AFTER PREACHING TO OTHERS I MYSELF SHOULD
BE DISQUALIFIED. —I CORINTHIANS 9:24-27**

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2. IDENTIFY YOUR WEAKNESS

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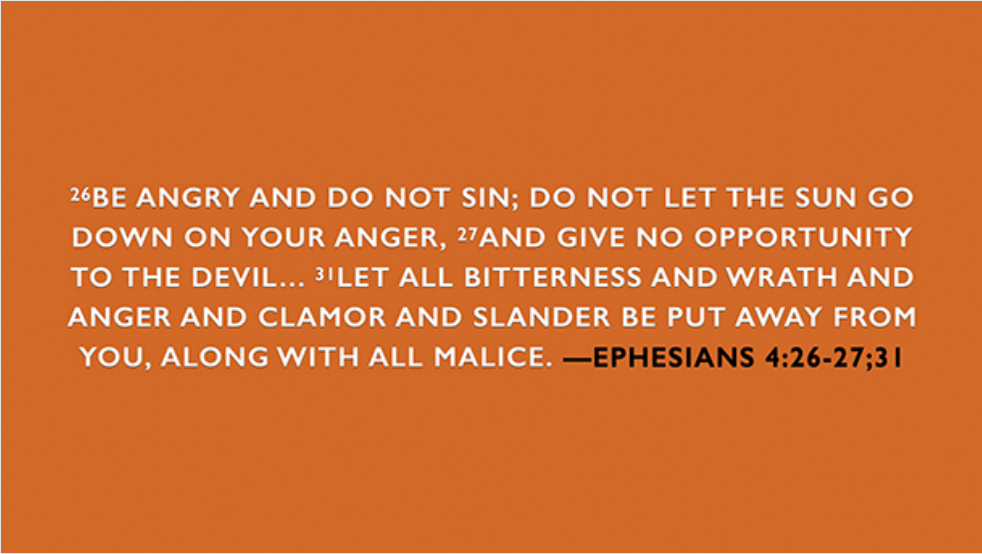
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ANGRY?

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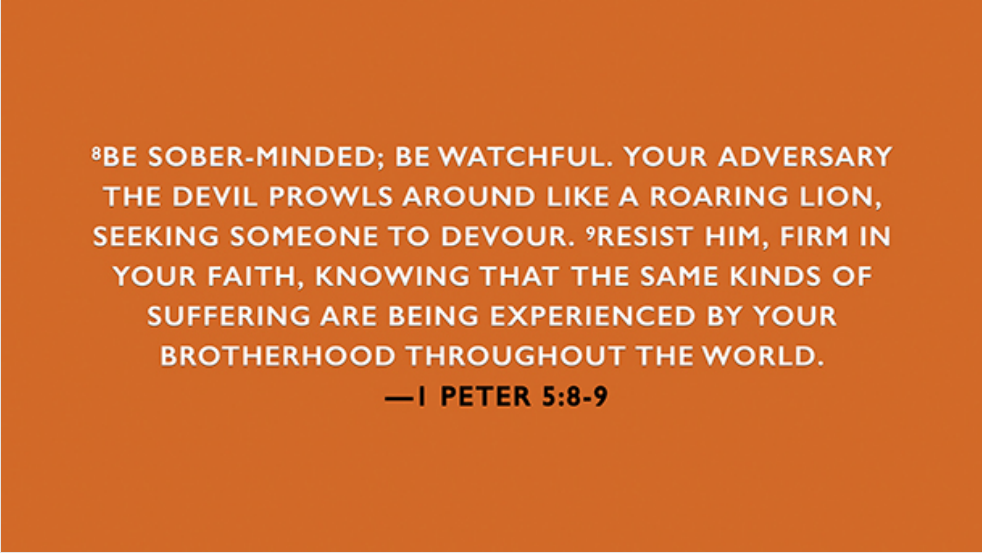
²⁶BE ANGRY AND DO NOT SIN; DO NOT LET THE SUN GO DOWN ON YOUR ANGER, ²⁷AND GIVE NO OPPORTUNITY TO THE DEVIL... ³¹LET ALL BITTERNESS AND WRATH AND ANGER AND CLAMOR AND SLANDER BE PUT AWAY FROM YOU, ALONG WITH ALL MALICE. —EPHESIANS 4:26-27;31

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⁸BE SOBER-MINDED; BE WATCHFUL. YOUR ADVERSARY THE DEVIL PROWLs AROUND LIKE A ROARING LION, SEEKING SOMEONE TO DEVOUR. ⁹RESIST HIM, FIRM IN YOUR FAITH, KNOWING THAT THE SAME KINDS OF SUFFERING ARE BEING EXPERIENCED BY YOUR BROTHERHOOD THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

—I PETER 5:8-9

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3. QUALIFY YOUR FEARS

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“DECISION IS A RISK ROOTED IN THE COURAGE
OF BEING FREE”
—PAUL TILLICH

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“YOU ARE ONLY ONE DECISION FROM A
TOTALLY DIFFERENT LIFE ”
—W. A. PETERSON

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**“DON’T GIVE UP GOOD CHARACTER
FOR CHEAP PLEASURE.”**

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