

Better Decisions,  
Fewer Regrets:  
Question #3

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1 Corinthians 9:19; 1 Samuel 24:3-7, 10;  
Luke 22:17-20

<sup>19</sup> Though I am free and belong to no one, I have made myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible. 1 Corinthians 9:19

Am I being honest with myself? Really? What story do you want to tell?

Is there a tension that requires my attention?

We need to ask this when an option we are considering creates tension, but we are not sure why.

This is especially important when it is an unexpected decision. This is when you need to pause and let the tension build.

<sup>3</sup> 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 24:3

<sup>4a</sup> 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.'" 1 Samuel 24:4a

David's men are trying to predict the outcome of murdering the king in the bathroom.

<sup>4b</sup> Then David crept up unnoticed and cut off a corner of Saul's robe. 1 Samuel 24:4b

David pays attention to the tension. David doesn't give into the temptation to predict the outcome of killing Saul.

If you have ever been disappointed, you probably thought you could predict outcomes.

<sup>5</sup> Afterward, David was conscience-stricken for having cut off a corner of his robe. 1 Samuel 24:5

<sup>6</sup> 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." 1 Samuel 24:6

<sup>7</sup> 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 24:7

<sup>10</sup> This day you have seen with your own eyes how the LORD delivered you into my hands in the cave. Some urged me to kill you, but I spared you; I said, 'I will not lay my hand on my lord, because he is the LORD's anointed.' 1 Samuel 24:10

David paid attention to the tension and found clarity and conviction. This came from his knowledge and experience with God.

David decides to trust God for his future and leans into humility. This is the same strategy Jesus used on the cross.

<sup>17</sup> After taking the cup, he gave thanks and said, "Take this and divide it among you. Luke 22:17

<sup>18</sup> For I tell you I will not drink again from the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." Luke 22:18

<sup>19</sup> And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me." Luke 22:19

<sup>20</sup> In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you. Luke 22:20