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³ And he came to the sheepfolds by the way, where there was a cave, and Saul went in to relieve himself. Now David and his men were sitting in the innermost parts of the cave. ⁴ And the men of David said to him, "Here is the day of which the Lord said to you, 'Behold, I will give your enemy into your hand, and you shall do to him as it shall seem good to you.'" Then David arose and stealthily cut off a corner of Saul's robe. ⁵ And afterward David's heart struck him, because he had cut off a corner of Saul's robe.

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⁶ He said to his men, "The Lord forbid that I should do this thing to my lord, the Lord's anointed, to put out my hand against him, seeing he is the Lord's anointed."

¹⁶ As soon as David had finished speaking these words to Saul, Saul said, "Is this your voice, my son David?" And Saul lifted up his voice and wept. ¹⁷ He said to David, "You are more righteous than I, for you have repaid me good, whereas I have repaid you evil.

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1. *Be Strong*

2. *Know God and act on what you know*

Statues/Commandments/Rules

- You shall have no other gods before me. (the idol of work) - Ex 20:4
- You shall not covet (lust bros) - Ex 20:17
- You shall honor the sabbath (rest) - Ex 20:8-11
- You shall have the right perspective (joy) - James 1:2-3

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THE FATHER ABSENCE CRISIS IN AMERICA

POVERTY

4X GREATER RISK OF POVERTY

TEEN PREGNANCY

7X MORE LIKELY TO BECOME PREGNANT AS A TEEN



BEHAVIORAL PROBLEMS

MORE LIKELY TO HAVE BEHAVIORAL PROBLEMS



CHILD ABUSE

MORE LIKELY TO FACE ABUSE AND NEGLECT



MOM-CHILD HEALTH

2X GREATER RISK OF INFANT MORTALITY



SUBSTANCE ABUSE

MORE LIKELY TO ABUSE DRUGS AND ALCOHOL



INCARCERATION

MORE LIKELY TO GO TO PRISON



CHILD OBESITY

2X MORE LIKELY TO SUFFER OBESITY



CRIME

MORE LIKELY TO COMMIT CRIME



EDUCATION

2X MORE LIKELY TO DROP OUT OF HIGH SCHOOL



19.7
MILLION CHILDREN WITHOUT THEIR FATHER AT HOME

- ***Strength can be powerful but not prideful***
- ***Strength can be decisive and not domineering***
- ***Strength can be sacrificial and not selfish***

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