

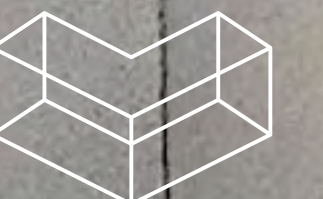
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Never, believe your doubts
or doubt your beliefs.
Always, believe your beliefs.
Doubt your doubts.

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BIBLE READING

1 Samuel 23 & 24

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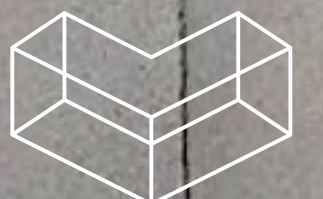


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SUMMARY OF THE NARRATIVES

- ♦ David saves Keilah from the Philistines. v2
- ♦ God said "Go" v4
- ♦ David's men objected. v3
- ♦ Saul sent his entire army to catch David at Keilah. v8
- ♦ Inhabitants of Keilah betrayed David. v12
- ♦ David escapes and had opportunity to kill Saul. 1 Samuel 24
- ♦ David spares Saul's life. 1 Samuel 24:10

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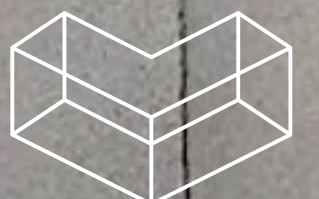
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- ✦ David enquired of the Lord. **1 Samuel 23:2,4**
- ✦ When David did not enquire of the Lord, 2 times in chapters 21 and 27, he ran into trouble.



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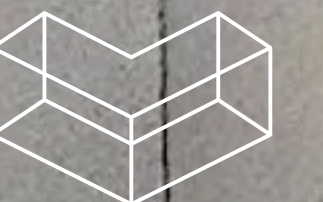


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It is not so much about
David running away as
David losing his way.

1 SAMUEL 21/27

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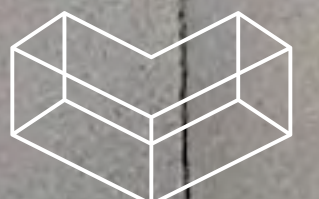


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STORMS IN LIFE ARE INEVITABLE AND NECESSARY PURPOSES

- ♦ Reveal the **nature of our faith.**
- ♦ Reveal the **depth of our convictions.**
- ♦ Reveal the **strength of our commitment.**
- ♦ Reveal the **measure of our reserves.**

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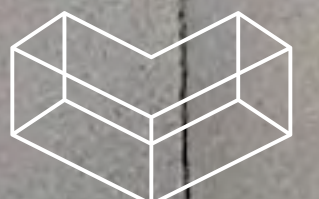
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Wreckage of Avianca Flight 052 in Cove Neck, New York



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I HAVE LEARNT IN 30 YEARS AS SENIOR PASTOR ...

- ✦ **To recharge myself** on the run.
- ✦ There must always be **a river running on the inside of you.**
- ✦ Process your life...
not by sentiments, but by **Scripture**;
not by rhetoric, but by **Revelation.**

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WHEN IN DOUBT DO **3** THINGS:

- 1 When in doubt, keep enquiring of the Lord.
- 2 **When in doubt, choose the Higher Road.**

The Higher Road for David:

- David saved Keilah
- David spared Saul

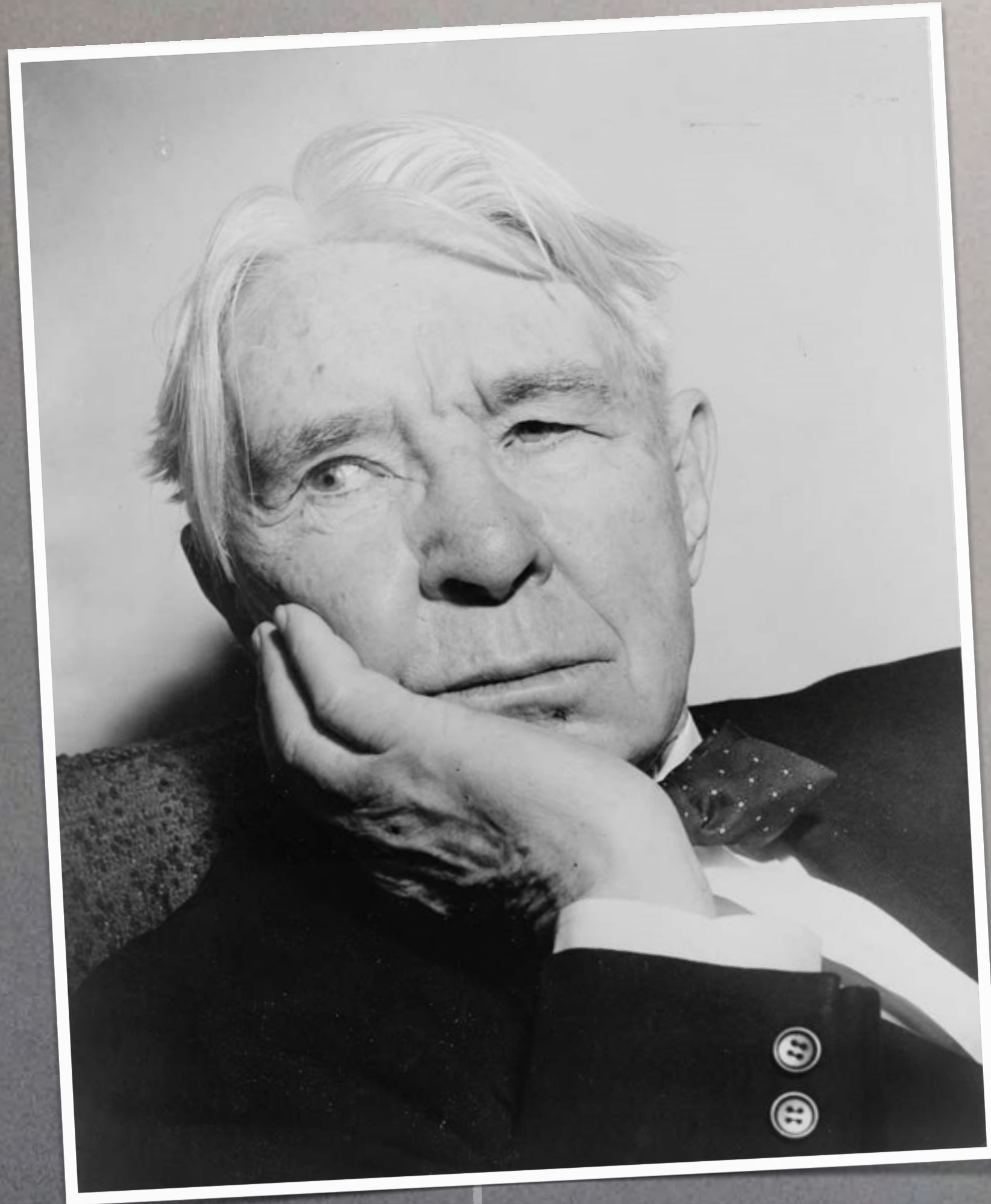


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He said to his men, "The Lord forbid that I should do such a thing to my master, the Lord's anointed, or lay my hand on him; for he is the anointed of the Lord." ⁷ With these words David sharply rebuked his men and did not allow them to attack Saul. And Saul left the cave and went his way.

1 SAMUEL 24:6-7





There is an eagle in me that
wants to soar, but there is also
a hippopotamus in me that
wants to wallow in the mud.

CARL AUGUST SANDBURG

1878-1967

An American poet, biographer, journalist, and editor.

He won three Pulitzer Prizes: two for his poetry and one for his biography of Abraham Lincoln.

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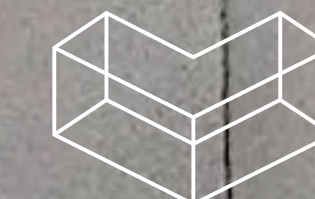
WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE CHOOSE THE HIGHER ROAD?

*** We won't lose our moral compass.**

No matter what the circumstances or the benefits, never compromise your standards nor lower your moral compass.

*** We won't become more ruthless.**

The more truthless we are, the more ruthless we become.

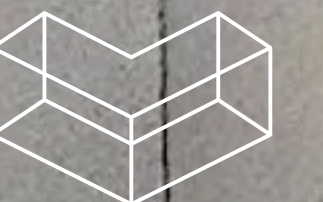


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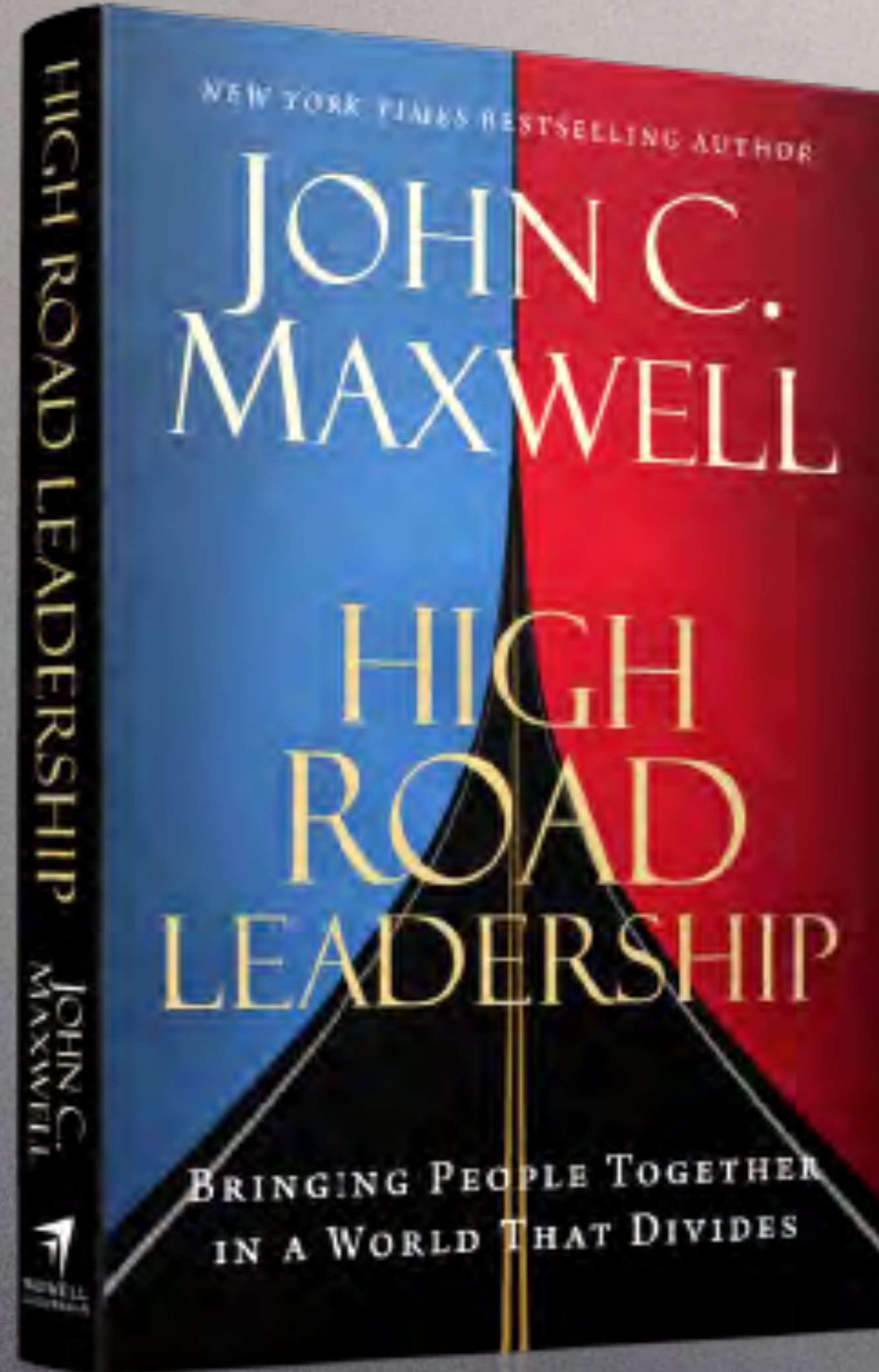
CHOOSE THE HIGHER ROAD

**We trust in God that
God will vindicate us.
If God is for us, who
can be against us?**

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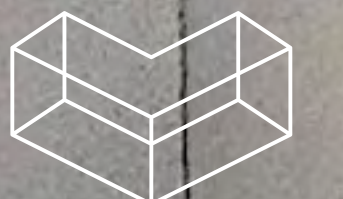


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High Road Leadership

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4 UNSHAKEABLE CONVICTIONS

¹ God is real

² God is good

³ God is in control

⁴ God cares

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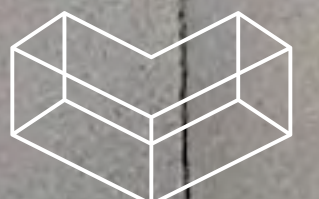


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And we know that in all things
God works for the good of those
who love Him, who have been
called according to His purpose.

ROMANS 8:28

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WHEN WE KEEP TRUSTING THE GOODNESS OF GOD ... 2 RESULTS:

1. God will protect us

Day after day, Saul searched for him, but God did not give David into his hands. **1 Samuel 23:14**

2. God will send us reinforcements

God gave David 400 men at the Cave of Adullam **1 Samuel 22** but by **1 Samuel 27:2**, he had an additional 200 more, total 600 good mighty men.

God will send good men to support you.

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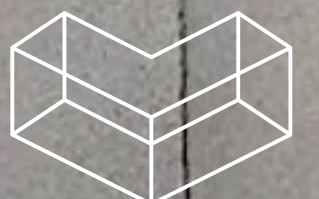
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PSALM 34 WAS WRITTEN AROUND THIS TIME

5 THINGS DAVID LEARNT
ABOUT GOD IN THIS
SEASON OF HIS LIFE

- ✦ God hears v17
- ✦ God delivers v17, 19
- ✦ God is near v18
- ✦ God protects v19
- ✦ God redeems v22

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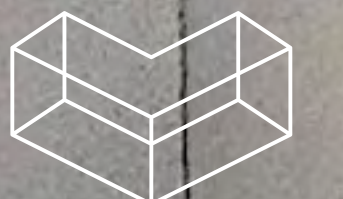
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