

**Care for your companions
and do not exploit them.**

**关心你的同伴们，
不要利用他们。**

1st Samuel 21

- 1 Then **David** came to Nob to Ahimelech the priest. And Ahimelech came to meet **David** trembling and said to him, "Why are you alone, and no one with you?"
- 2 And **David** said to Ahimelech the priest, "The king has charged me with a matter and said to me, 'Let no one know anything of the matter about which I send you, and with which I have charged you.' I have made an appointment with the young men for such and such a place.
- 3 Now then, what do you have on hand? **Give me five loaves of bread, or whatever is here.**"
- 4 And the priest answered **David**, "I have no common bread on hand, but there is holy bread—if the young men have kept themselves from women."
- 5 And **David** answered the priest, "Truly women have been kept from **us** as always when I go on an expedition. **The vessels of the young men** are holy even when it is an ordinary journey. How much more today will their vessels be holy?"
- 6 So **the priest gave him the holy bread**, for there was no bread there but the bread of the Presence, which is removed from before Jehovah, to be replaced by hot bread on the day it is taken away.

David cared for his companions

撒母耳记上 21

- 1** 大卫到了挪伯祭司亚希米勒那里。亚希米勒战战兢兢的出来迎接他、问他说、你为甚么独自来、没有人跟随呢。
- 2** 大卫回答祭司亚希米勒说、王吩咐我一件事、说、我差遣你委托你的这件事、不要使人知道。故此我已派定少年人在某处等候我。
- 3** 现在你手下有甚么。求你给我五个饼、或是别样的食物。
- 4** 祭司对大卫说、我手下没有寻常的饼、只有圣饼。若少年人没有亲近妇人、才可以给。
- 5** 大卫对祭司说、实在约有三日**我们没有亲近妇人**。我出来的时候、虽是寻常行路、**少年人的器皿还是洁净的**。何况今日不更是洁净么。
- 6** 祭司就拿圣饼给他；因为在那里没有别的饼,只有陈设饼,是当时为了放上热的饼,从耶和华面前撤下来的。

大卫关心他的同伴们。

Matthew 12; 马太福音 12

- 3 He said to them, "Have you not read what **David** did when **he was hungry, and those who were with him:**
- 4 how he entered the house of God and ate the bread of the Presence, which it was not lawful **for him** to eat nor **for those who were with him**, but only for the priests?"

Lord Jesus confirmed that David cared for his companions

- 3 耶稣对他们说、经上记着、大卫和跟从他的人饥饿之时所作的事、你们没有念过么。
- 4 他怎么进了神的殿、吃了陈设饼、这饼不是他和跟从他的人可以吃得、惟独祭司才可以吃。

主耶稣证实大卫关心他的同伴们。

2nd Samuel 2;撒母耳记下 2

- 4 And the men of Judah came, and there they anointed **David** king over the house of Judah. When they told **David**, "**It was the men of Jabesh-gilead who buried Saul,**"
- 5 David sent messengers to the men of Jabesh-gilead and said to them, "**May you be blessed by Jehovah, because you showed this loyalty to Saul your lord and buried him.**"
- 6 Now may Jehovah show steadfast love and faithfulness to you. **And I will do good to you** because you have done this thing.

大卫关心扫罗，虽然扫罗追杀他。

- 4 犹大人来到希伯仑、在那里膏大卫作犹太家的王。有人告诉大卫说、**葬埋扫罗的、是基列雅比人。**
- 5 大卫就差人去见基列雅比人、对他们说、**你们厚待你们的主扫罗、将他葬埋。愿耶和华赐福与你们。**
- 6 你们既行了这事、愿耶和华以慈爱诚实待你们。**我也要为此厚待你们。**

David cared for Saul who persecuted him much time.

David care for his companions and people who buried Saul who tried to kill him .

大卫关心他的同伴们和埋葬扫罗(追杀他的人)。

1st Samuel 17

55 As soon as **Saul** saw **David** go out against the Philistine, he said to Abner, the commander of the army, "**Abner, whose son is this youth?**" And **Abner** said, "**As your soul lives, O king, I do not know.**"

56 And the king said, "Inquire whose son the boy is."

57 And as soon as **David** returned from the striking down of the Philistine, Abner took him, and brought him before Saul with the head of the Philistine in his hand.

58 And **Saul** said to him, "Whose son are you, young man?" And **David** answered, "I am the son of your servant Jesse the Bethlehemite."

Saul cared for David because David was useful to him.

撒母耳记上 17

55 扫罗看见大卫去攻击非利士人、就问元帅押尼珥说、押尼珥阿、那少年人是谁的儿子。押尼珥说、我敢在王面前起誓、我不知道。

56 王说、你可以问问那幼年人是谁的儿子。

57 大卫打死非利士人回来、押尼珥领他到扫罗面前、他手中拿着非利士人的头。

58 扫罗问他说少年人哪、你是谁的儿子。大卫说、我是你仆人伯利恒人耶西的儿子。

扫罗关心大卫因为大卫对他有益处。

1st Samuel 16; 撒母耳记上 16

- 21** And **David** came to **Saul** and entered his service. And Saul loved him greatly, and he became his armor-bearer.
- 22** And **Saul** sent to Jesse, saying, "Let **David** remain in my service, for he has found favor in my sight."
- 23** And whenever the harmful spirit from God was upon Saul, **David** took the lyre and played it with his hand. So **Saul** was refreshed and was well, and the harmful spirit departed from him.

David was a man with God's presence.

- 21** 大卫到了扫罗那里、就侍立在扫罗面前。扫罗甚喜爱他、他就作了扫罗拿兵器的人。
- 22** 扫罗差遣人去见耶西说、求你容大卫侍立在我面前、因为他在我眼前蒙了恩。
- 23** 从神那里来的恶魔临到扫罗身上的时候、大卫就拿琴用手而弹、扫罗便舒畅爽快、恶魔离了他。

大卫是位有神同在的人。

1st Samuel 18; 撒母耳记上 18

2 From that day Saul kept David with him and did not let him return home to his family.

When David is useful to Saul, then Saul seems to treat him well. In fact , Saul cares only for himself and not David. We all know that he chases and tries to kill David for keeping his kingship.

2 那日扫罗留住大卫、不容他再回父家。

当大卫是对扫罗有益处时，扫罗似乎是对大卫好。事实上，扫罗只关心他自己的权宜而不是大卫。我们也都为着维持他的王位，扫罗一直追杀大卫。

2nd Samuel 2;撒母耳记下 2

- 8 But **Abner** the son of Ner, commander of Saul's army, **took Ish-bosheth the son of Saul** and brought him over to Mahanaim,
- 9 and **he made him king** over Gilead and the Ashurites and Jezreel and Ephraim and Benjamin and all Israel.
- 10 Ish-bosheth, Saul's son, was forty years old when he began to reign over Israel, and he reigned two years. But the house of Judah followed David.

Abner was a general who made Saul's son Ish-bosheth king.

- 8 扫罗的元帅尼珥的儿子押尼珥、曾将扫罗的儿子伊施波设、带过河到玛哈念。
- 9 立他作王治理基列、亚书利、耶斯列、以法莲、便雅悯、和以色列众人。
- 10 扫罗的儿子伊施波设登基的时候、年四十岁、作以色列王二年。惟独犹大家归从大卫。

押尼珥是位将军，立扫罗的儿子伊施波设为王。

2nd Samuel 2

- 12** **Abner** the son of Ner, and **the servants of Ish-bosheth** the son of Saul, went out from Mahanaim to Gibeon.
- 13** And **Joab** the son of Zeruah and **the servants of David** went out and met them at the pool of Gibeon. And they sat down, the one on the one side of the pool, and the other on the other side of the pool.
- 14** And **Abner** said to **Joab**, "**Let the young men arise and compete before us.**"
And Joab said, "Let them arise."
- 15** Then they arose and passed over by number, twelve for Benjamin and Ish-bosheth the son of Saul, and twelve of the servants of David.
- 16** And each caught his opponent by the head **and thrust his sword in his opponent's side**, so they fell down together. Therefore that place was called Helkath-hazzurim, which is at Gibeon.
- 17** And **the battle was very fierce that day**. And **Abner** and the men of Israel were beaten before the servants of David.

Abner and Joab, two commanders, do not care for their companions, rather exploit them. This typically happens in many many organizations including religions but not in families with intimate life relations (including God's family: Church).

撒母耳记下 2

- 12** 尼珥的儿子押尼珥、和扫罗的儿子伊施波设的仆人、从玛哈念出来、往基遍去。
- 13** 洗鲁雅的儿子约押、和大卫的仆人也出来、在基遍池旁与他们相遇。一班坐在池这边、一班坐在池那边。
- 14** 押尼珥对约押说、让少年人起来、在我们面前戏耍吧。约押说、可以。
- 15** 就按着定数起来、属扫罗儿子伊施波设的便雅悯人过去十二名、大卫的仆人也过去十二名。
- 16** 彼此揪头、用刀刺肋、一同仆倒。所以那地叫作希利甲哈素林、就在基遍。
- 17** 那日的战事凶猛、押尼珥和以色列人、败在大卫的仆人面前。

押尼珥和约押, 两位元帅, 不关心他们的同伴们而是利用他们。这常常发生在有组织的公司或宗教里, 不发生在家庭 (包含神的家庭) 里因有生命亲密的联结关系。

2nd Samuel 2

- 18** And the three sons of Zeruiah were there, **Joab**, Abishai, and **Asahel**. Now **Asahel** was as swift of foot as a wild gazelle.
- 19** And **Asahel** pursued **Abner**, and as he went, he turned neither to the right hand nor to the left from following Abner.
- 20** Then **Abner** looked behind him and said, "Is it you, **Asahel**?" And he answered, "It is I."
- 21** **Abner** said to him, "Turn aside to your right hand or to your left, and seize one of the young men and take his spoil." But **Asahel** would not turn aside from following him.
- 22** And **Abner** said again to **Asahel**, "Turn aside from following me. Why should I strike you to the ground? How then could I lift up my face to your brother **Joab**?"
- 23** But he refused to turn aside. Therefore **Abner** struck him in the stomach with the butt of his spear, so that the spear came out at his back. And he fell there and died where he was. And all who came to the place where **Asahel** had fallen and died, stood still.

Abner does not really care about the people he leads. May we hope in the church life that no one is like Abner to serve people. **Abner** just wants to take advantage of people, treat them as assets to glorify himself.

So **Abner** said to **Asahel**: "Turn aside from following me. Why should I strike you to the ground? How then could I lift up my face to your brother Joab?"
(2 Samuel 2:22) Both commanders seem to be good friends, but they even are willing to sacrifice the people whom they lead. Older saints need to be alert, brothers and sisters are not ours, and they belong to God.

撒母耳记下 2

- 18** 在那里有洗鲁雅的三个儿子、**约押**、**亚比筛**、**亚撒黑**。亚撒黑脚快如野鹿一般。
- 19** **亚撒黑**追赶**押尼珥**、直追赶他不偏左右。
- 20** **押尼珥**回头说、你是**亚撒黑**么、回答说、是。
- 21** **押尼珥**对他说、你或转向左、转向右、拿住一个少年人、剥去他的战衣。**亚撒黑**却不肯转开不追赶他。
- 22** **押尼珥**又对**亚撒黑**说、你转开不追赶我吧、我何必杀你呢。若杀你、有甚么脸见你哥哥**约押**呢。
- 23** **亚撒黑**仍不肯转开、故此**押尼珥**就用枪镞刺入他的肚腹、甚至枪从背后透出。**亚撒黑**就在那里仆倒而死。众人赶到**亚撒黑**仆倒而死的地方、就都站住。

押尼珥并不是真的关心他所带的人。但愿在教会生活中服事，没有人是像这样的服事人。**押尼珥**只想利用人，把人当作资产来荣耀自己。

於是**押尼珥**对**亚撒黑**说：「你转开不追我吧！我何必杀你呢？若杀你，有什么脸见你哥哥**约押**呢？」（撒下2:22）这两个大元帅似乎是好朋友，而两个人竟然都愿意牺牲自己带领的人。年长的圣徒们要警惕，弟兄姊妹们不是我们的，他们是属于神的。

2nd Samuel 9

- 1 And **David** said, "Is there still anyone left of **the house of Saul**, that I may show him kindness for **Jonathan's** sake?"
- 5 Then King David sent and brought him from the house of Machir the son of Ammiel, at Lo-debar.
- 6 And **Mephibosheth the son of Jonathan, son of Saul**, came to **David** and fell on his face and paid homage. And **David** said, "**Mephibosheth!**" And he answered, "Behold, I am your servant."
- 7 And **David** said to him, "Do not fear, for I will show you kindness for the sake of your father **Jonathan**, and I will restore to you **all the land of Saul your father**, and **you shall eat at my table always.**"
- 9 Then the king called Ziba, **Saul's** servant, and said to him, "**All that belonged to Saul and to all his house I have given to your master's grandson.**
- 10 And you and your sons and your servants shall till the land for him and shall bring in the produce, that your master's grandson may have bread to eat. But **Mephibosheth your master's grandson shall always eat at my table.**" Now Ziba had fifteen sons and twenty servants.

David cares for Mephibosheth the son of Jonathan, grandson of Saul.

撒母耳记下 9

- 1 大卫问说、扫罗家还有剩下的人没有、我要因约拿单的缘故向他施恩。
- 5 于是大卫王打发人去,从罗底巴亚米利的儿子玛吉家里召了他来。
- 6 扫罗的孙子约拿单的儿子米非波设来见大卫、伏地叩拜。大卫说、米非波设。米非波设说、仆人在此。
- 7 大卫说,你不要惧怕,我必因你父亲约拿单的缘故施恩与你,将你祖父扫罗的一切田地都归还你,你也可以常与我同席吃饭。
- 9 王召了扫罗的仆人洗巴来、对他说、我已将属扫罗和他的一切家产、都赐给你主人的儿子了。
- 10 你和你的众子、仆人、要为你主人的儿子米非波设耕种田地、把所产的拿来供他食用。他却要常与我同席吃饭。洗巴有十五个儿子、二十个仆人。

大卫关心扫罗的孙子约拿单的儿子米非波设。

1st Samuel 22

- 1 **David** departed from there and escaped to the cave of Adullam. And when **his brothers and all his father's house** heard it, they went down there to him.
- 2 And **everyone who was in distress, and everyone who was in debt, and everyone who was bitter in soul, gathered to him.** And he became commander over them. And there were with him about four hundred men.

1st Chronicles 11

- 10 Now these are **the chiefs of David's mighty men**, who gave him strong support in his kingdom, together with all Israel, to make him king, **according to the word of Jehovah concerning Israel.**

Colossians 1

- 28 Him we proclaim, warning **everyone** and teaching **everyone** with all wisdom, that we may present **everyone** mature in Christ.

David cares for the people and has the wisdom to raise up pillars for the Lord who are the essence of the extension of the testimony of the Lord.

撒母耳记上 22

- 1 大卫就离开那里、逃到亚杜兰洞。他的弟兄和他父亲的全家听见了、就都下到他那里。
- 2 凡受窘迫的、欠债的、心里苦恼的、都聚集到大卫那里。大卫就作他们的头目。跟随他的约有四百人。

历代志上 11

- 10 以下记录跟随大卫勇士的首领、就是奋勇帮助他得国、照着耶和華吩咐以色列人的话、与以色列人一同立他作王的。

歌罗西书 1

- 28 我们传扬他、是用诸般的智慧、劝戒各人、教导各人。要把各人在基督里完完全全的引到神面前。

大卫关心人，也有智慧来为主兴起柱子来。这些柱子们就是见证主，延续主见证的实质。

Church should not be an organization, because all the saints do have the life of Christ. The attributes of Christ' life are love, light, holiness and righteousness.... However, if the saints are independent, short of individual and corporate prayers, lack of intimate fellowship among the saints in the Lord then there may have the danger to arrange the church services which are typically the operation of an organization and not following leading of the Lord. Thus we need to have intimate spiritual companions and teams in our daily church life.

教会不应该是一个组织，因为所有的圣徒都有基督的生命。基督生命的属性是爱，光，圣洁和公义.....。但是，如果圣徒是独立的，缺乏个人和团体的祷告，圣徒们之间缺乏亲密的交通，那就有可能安排教会的服事，而成为了一个组织的运作，而不是跟随主的引领。因此，我们在日常的教会生活中需要有亲密的属灵同伴和团队。