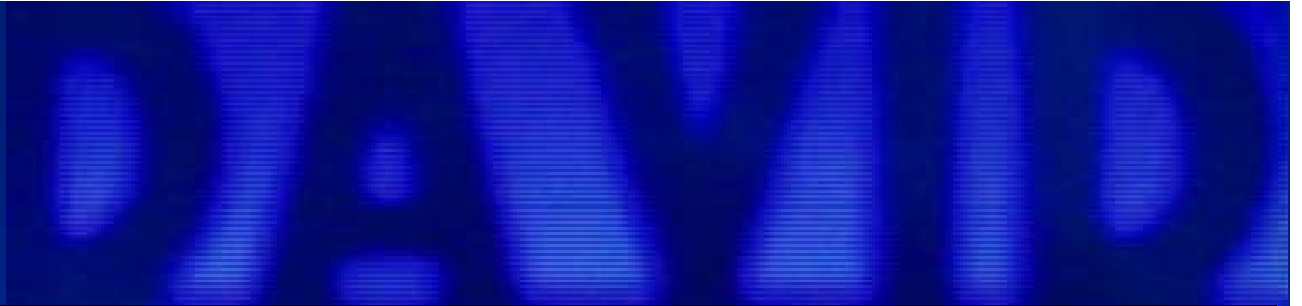


Lessons from the Heart



Learning from David





*Choosing to Live
Behind Enemy Lines*



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Psalm 13:1,2



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Psalm 13:1,2

*1. At some point, every
Christian will feel tired
of waiting on God.*

Living
Behind
Enemy
Lines



*2. At some point,
every Christian will
suspect that being
good isn't worth it.*

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*3. At some point,
every Christian will
wander away because
of the first two points.*

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1. BEWARE THE SELF- PITY CYCLE

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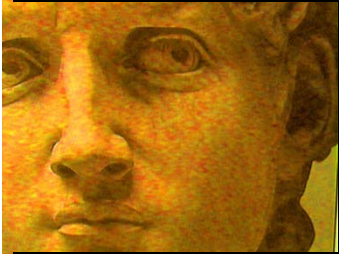


SELF-PITY CYCLE

DESPAIR

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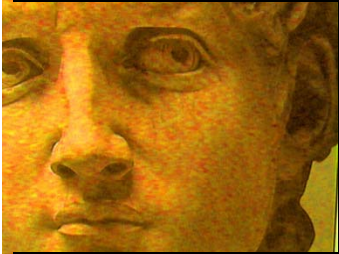
SELF-PITY CYCLE

• DESPAIR

But David kept thinking to himself,
“Someday Saul is going to get
me. 1 Samuel 27:1a

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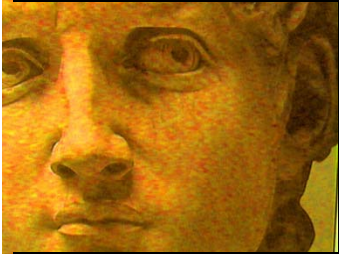


SELF-PITY CYCLE

DELUSION

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SELF-PITY CYCLE

• DELUSION

The best thing for me to do is escape to the Philistines. Then Saul will stop hunting for me, and I will finally be safe.” 1 Samuel 27:1b

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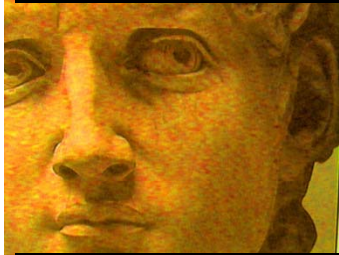
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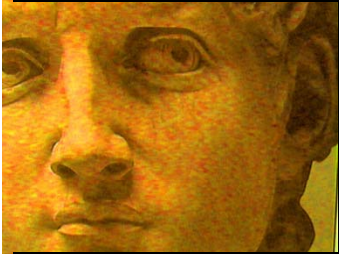


SELF-PITY CYCLE

You are never
limited to
two choices.

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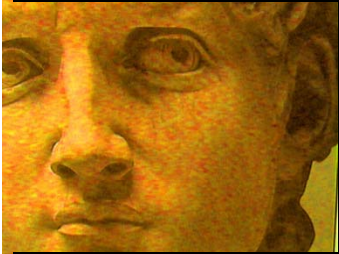


SELF-PITY CYCLE

“Once we call something a ‘necessary evil’, it begins to look more and more necessary and less and less evil.”

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SELF-PITY CYCLE

DISOBEDIENCE

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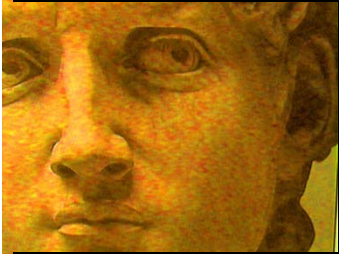
SELF-PITY CYCLE

- DISOBEDIENCE

So David took his six hundred men and their families and went to live at Gath... 1 Samuel 27:2

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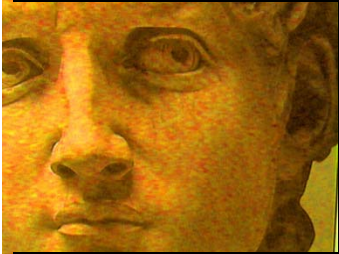
SELF-PITY CYCLE

DELIGHT

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DAVID





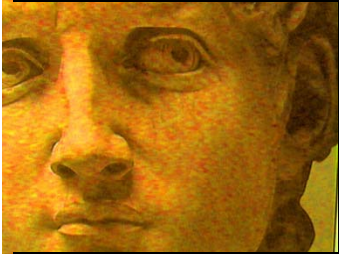
SELF-PITY CYCLE

• DELIGHT

“Word soon reached Saul that David had fled to Gath, so he stopped hunting for him. ...6 So Achish gave him the town of Ziklag .
1 Samuel 27:4,6

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SELF-PITY CYCLE

DESTRUCTION

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SELF-PITY CYCLE

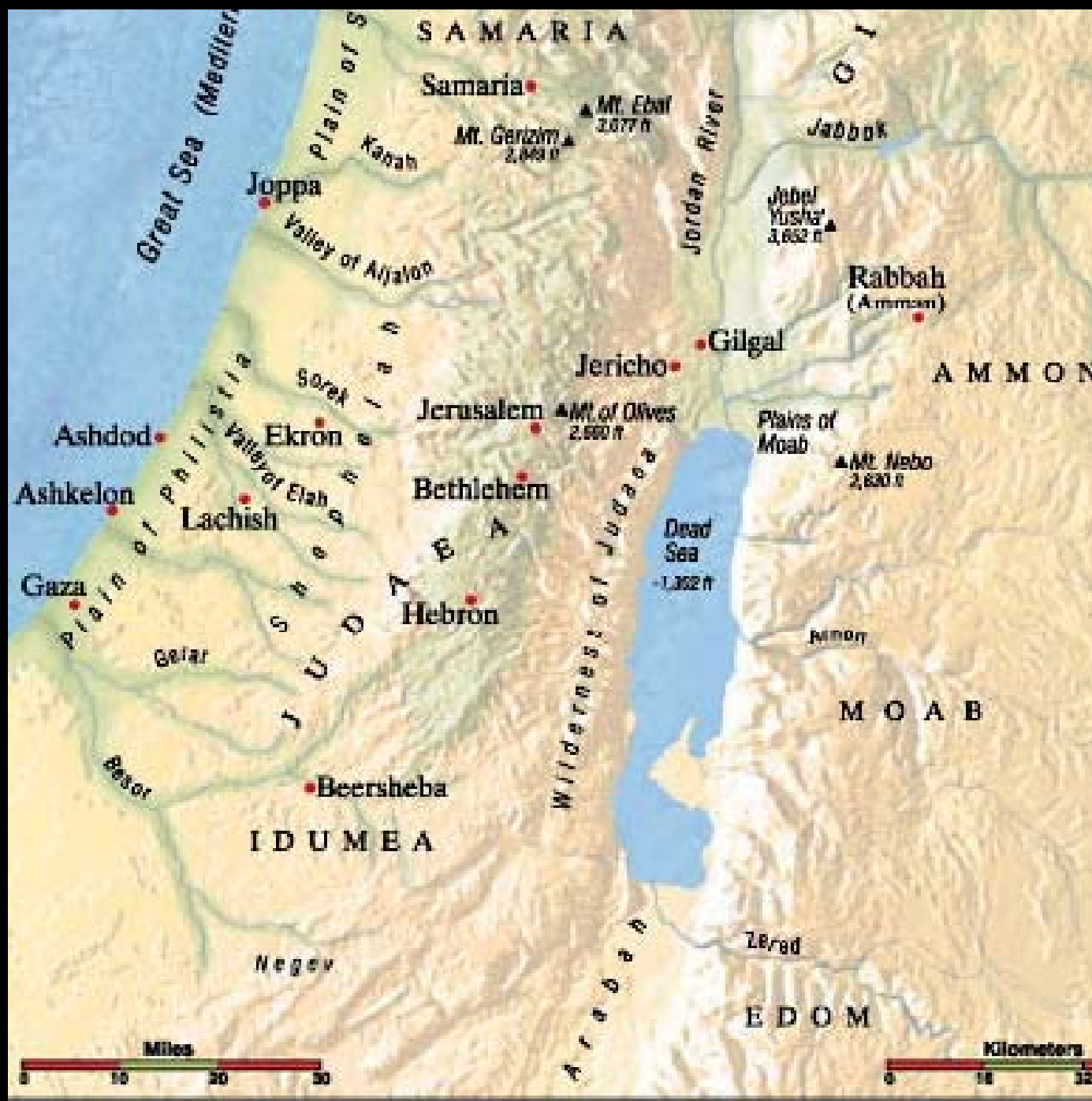
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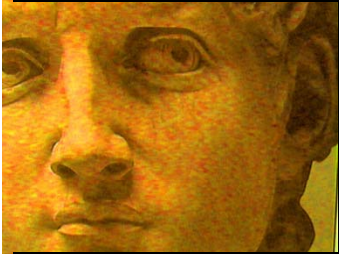
David and his men spent their
time raiding

1 Samuel 27:8

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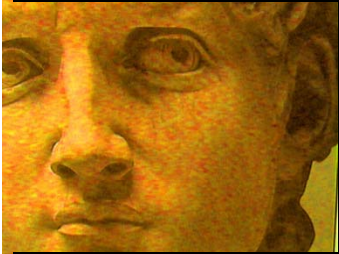






DESTRUCTION

David didn't leave one person alive in the villages he attacked. ...11 No one was left alive to come to Gath and tell where he had really been. This happened again and again while he was living among the Philistines. 1 Samuel 27:9,11



SELF-PITY CYCLE

DECEPTION

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SELF-PITY CYCLE

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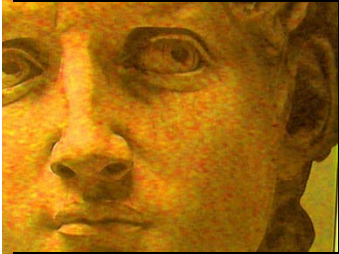
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SELF-PITY CYCLE

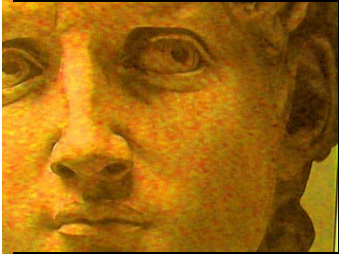
• DECEPTION

*“Where did you make your raid today?”
Achish would ask. And David would reply,
“Against the south of Judah,*

1 Samuel 27:10

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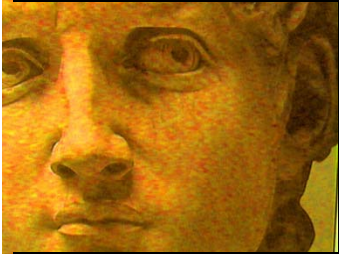


DECEPTION

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SELF-PITY CYCLE

Trying to get the
RIGHT THING
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WRONG WAY

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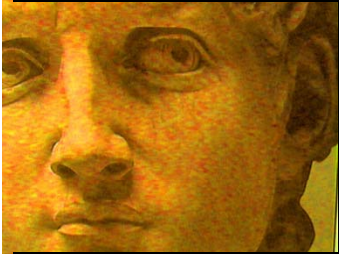


2. Be sure

COMPROMISES HAVE CONSEQUENCES

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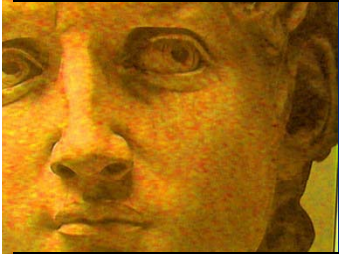
COMPROMISES HAVE CONSEQUENCES

Three days later, when David and his men arrived home they found that the Amalekites had made a raid and had burned Ziklag to the ground. 2 They had carried off the women and children ...

1 Samuel 30:1,2

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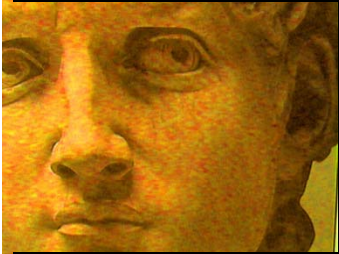
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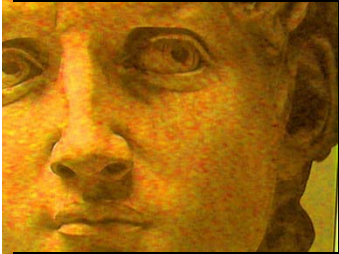
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“David was now in serious trouble because his men were very bitter about losing their wives and children, and they began to talk of stoning him.

1 Samuel 30:6a

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Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. **8** Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. Galatians 6:7,8

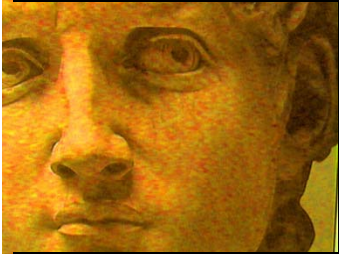
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3. BELIEVE IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO RETURN

Living
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NEVER TOO LATE TO RETURN

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the LORD his God.”
1 Samuel 30:6b

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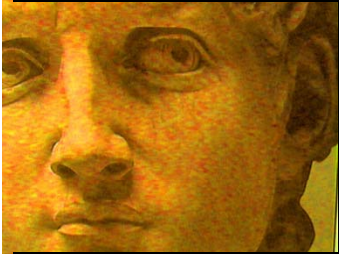


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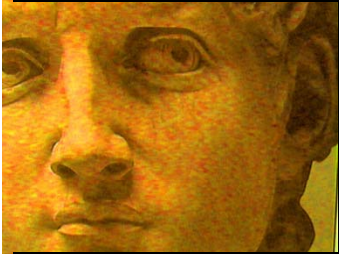
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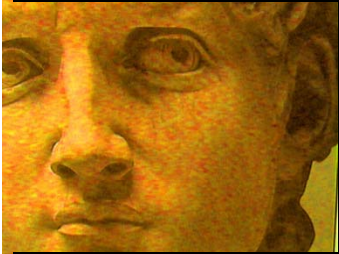
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