

The Key to David's response here:

We all need _____

There's always more _____

David is willing to let God _____

He (Jesus) did not retaliate when he was insulted, nor threaten revenge when he suffered. He left his case in the hands of God, who always judges fairly.

1 Peter 2:23

3So keep your mind on Jesus, who put up with many insults from sinners.

Hebrews 12:3



Part 18:

“Stay calm, he’s only cussing you out, well ok ,now he’s throwing rocks too.”

David's Key To A Forgiving Spirit And A Merciful Heart

David on the run again:

A messenger came and told David, “The hearts of the people of Israel are with Absalom.”¹⁴ Then David said to all his officials who were with him in Jerusalem, “Come! We must flee, or none of us will escape from Absalom. We must leave immediately, or he will move quickly to overtake us and bring ruin on us and put the city to the sword.”

2 Samuel 15:13,14

So the king set out, with all the people following him, and they halted at the edge of the city. ¹⁸ All his men marched past him, ...the whole countryside wept aloud as all the people passed by. The king also crossed the Kidron Valley, and all the people moved on toward the wilderness. ... ³⁰ But David continued up the Mount of Olives, weeping as he went; his head was covered and he was barefoot. All the people with him covered their heads too and were weeping as they went up.

2 Samuel 15: 17,18,23,30

David is as low as he can get at this point in life.

As King David approached Bahurim, a man from the same clan as Saul's family came out from there. His name was Shimei son of Gera, and he cursed as he came out. ⁶ He pelted David and all the king's officials with stones, though all the troops and the special guard were on David's right and left.

As he cursed, Shimei said, “Get out, get out, you murderer, you scoundrel! ⁸ The LORD has repaid you for all the blood you shed in the household of Saul, in whose place you have reigned. The LORD has given the kingdom into the hands of your son Absalom. You have come to ruin because you are a murderer!” 2 Samuel 15:7,8

Shimei is the kind of guy that kicks you when you're down.

Then Abishai son of Zeruiah said to the king, "Why should this dead dog curse my lord the king? Let me go over and cut off his head."

2 Samuel 15:9

Who is Abishai?

But the king said, "What does this have to do with you, you sons of Zeruiah? If he is cursing because the LORD said to him, 'Curse David,' who can ask, 'Why do you do this?'"

2 Samuel 15:10

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David _____ in the story.

David then said to Abishai and all his officials, "My son, my own flesh and blood, is trying to kill me. How much more, then, this Benjamite! Leave him alone; let him curse, for the LORD has told him to. 12 It may be that the LORD will look upon my misery and restore to me his covenant blessing instead of his curse today."

2 Samuel 16:11,12

When God's in the story it allows me to have:

A _____ & _____
So David and his men continued down the road, and Shimei kept pace with them on a nearby hillside, cursing as he went and throwing stones at David and tossing dust into the air.

2 Samuel 16:13

We'll all run into some Shimei's sooner or later. Am I going to be offended or am I going to be big enough to forgive?

Thick skin without a soft heart leads to bitterness.

A soft heart without thick skin leaves you wounded.

¹⁶ Shimei son of Gera, the Benjamite from Bahurim, hurried down with the men of Judah to meet King David. ¹⁷ With him were a thousand Benjamites, along with Ziba, the steward of Saul's household, and his fifteen sons and twenty servants. They rushed to the Jordan, where the king was. ¹⁸ They crossed at the ford to take the king's household over and to do whatever he wished.

When Shimei son of Gera crossed the Jordan, he fell prostrate before the king ¹⁹ and said to him, "May my lord do not hold me guilty. Do not remember how your servant did wrong on the day my lord the king left Jerusalem. May the king put it out of his mind. ²⁰ For I your servant know that *I have sinned*, but today I have come here as the first of the whole house of Joseph to come down and meet my lord the king."

2 Samuel 19:16 – 20

²¹ Then Abishai son of Zeruiah said, "Shouldn't Shimei be put to death for this? He cursed the LORD's anointed." ²² But David said, "What is it with you sons of Zeruiah? Why do you insist on being so contentious? Nobody is going to be killed today. I am again king over Israel!" ²³ Then the king turned to Shimei, "You're not going to die." And the king gave him his word.

2 Samuel 19:21–23