

Saturday Nov. 16th 9:30am - 12pm

spiritual growth stuff (coffee & donuts too).

All the colors of life



- 2 Samuel 14:25 In all Israel there was not a man so highly praised for his handsome appearance as Absalom. From the top of his head to the sole of his foot there was no blemish in him.
- 2 Samuel 15:5-6 whenever anyone approached him to bow down before him, Absalom would reach out his hand, take hold of him and kiss him. 6Absalom behaved in this way toward all the Israelites who came to the king asking for justice, and so he stole the hearts of the people of Israel.

2 Samuel 15:10-12 Absalom sent secret messengers throughout the tribes of Israel to say, "As soon as you hear the sound of the trumpets, then say, 'Absalom is king in Hebron." 11Two hundred men from Jerusalem had accompanied Absalom.... 12 While Absalom was offering sacrifices, he also sent for Ahithophel the Gilonite, David's counselor, to come from Giloh, his hometown. And so the conspiracy gained strength, and Absalom's following kept on increasing.

13A messenger came and told David, "The hearts of the people of Israel are with Absalom." 14Then 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." 15 The king's officials answered him, "Your servants are ready to do whatever our lord the king chooses." 16The king set out, with his entire household following him; but he left ten concubines to take care of the palace...23The 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.

#### Psalm 3

A psalm of David. When he fled from his son Absalom.

Lord, how many are my foes! How many rise up against me!

<sup>2</sup>Many are saying of me, "God will not deliver him."

<sup>3</sup>But you, Lord, are a shield around me, my glory, the One who lifts my head high.

4 I call out to the Lord, and he answers me from his holy mountain.

- I wake again, because the Lord sustains me.
- 61 will not fear though tens of thousands assail me on every side.
- <sup>7</sup>Arise, O Lord! Rescue me, my God! Slap all my enemies in the face! Shatter the teeth of the wicked! (NLT)
- <sup>8</sup>From the Lord comes deliverance. May your blessing be on your people.

#### Keep in mind...

To some degree *David is*PERSONALLY RESPONSIBLE

for the distress he is in.

Often times we are PERSONALLY RESPONSIBLE for the distress we find ourselves in.

Serious Trouble? Yes and it's overwhelming! So why even try?

OR

Serious Trouble? Yes, but I'm perfectly capable of self-salvation.

#### Life Lesson:

No matter what the trouble is -self inflicted or not- not only is it ok to cry out God, it makes sense to do it because He is the best help we have!

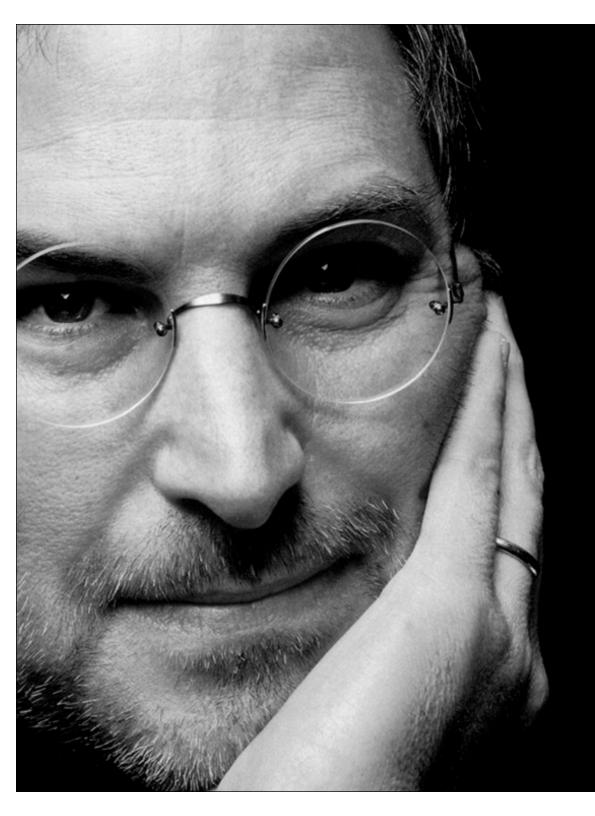
Seven out of ten adults in the United States say they experience stress or anxiety daily, and most say it interferes at least moderately with their lives and seven out of ten of those adults say they have trouble sleeping.

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Your time is limited, so don't waste it living someone else's life. Don't be trapped by dogma — which is living with the results of other people's thinking.

-Steve Jobs 2005 Stanford Commencement Speech

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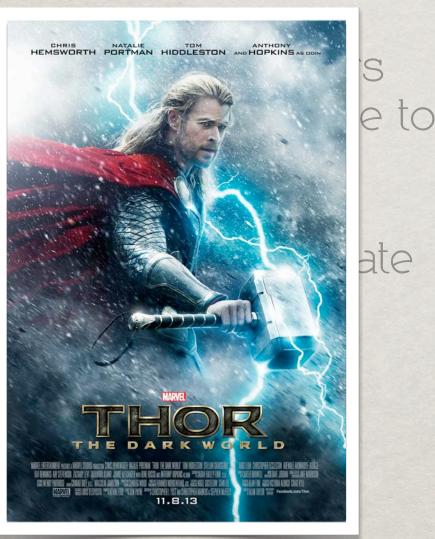
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