



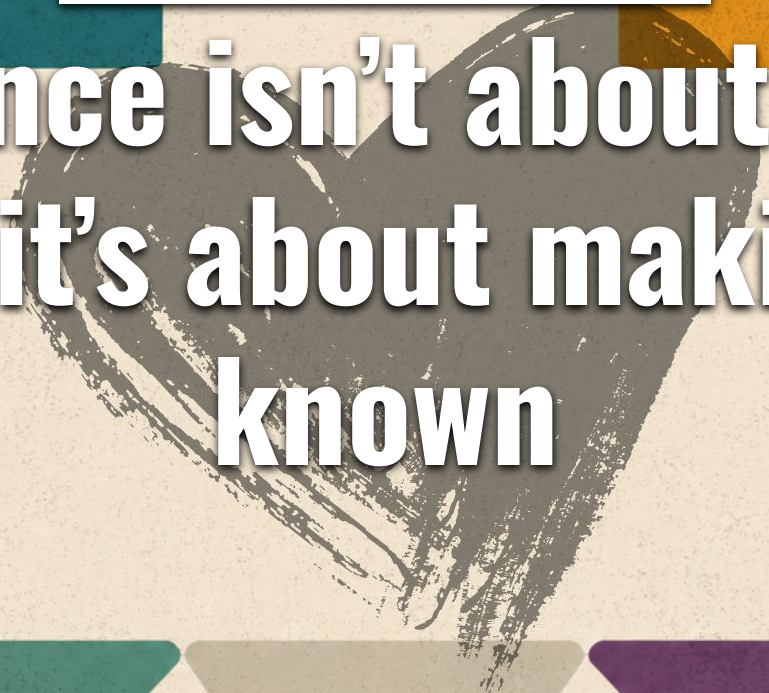
After God's Heart

The Life of David



Punchline

**Influence isn't about being
noticed, it's about making Jesus
known**

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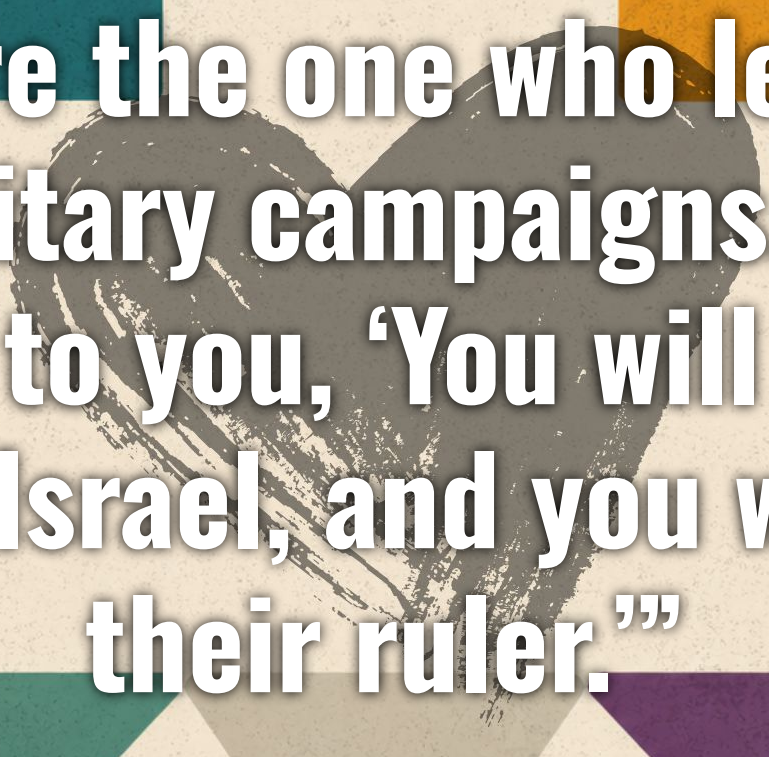
The In-Between

- ❖ Saul and Jonathan have died
- ❖ Lots of fighting between David's men and Abner's men
- ❖ David shows influence as he guides his men

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron and said, “We are your own flesh and blood.



2 Samuel 5: 1 NIV



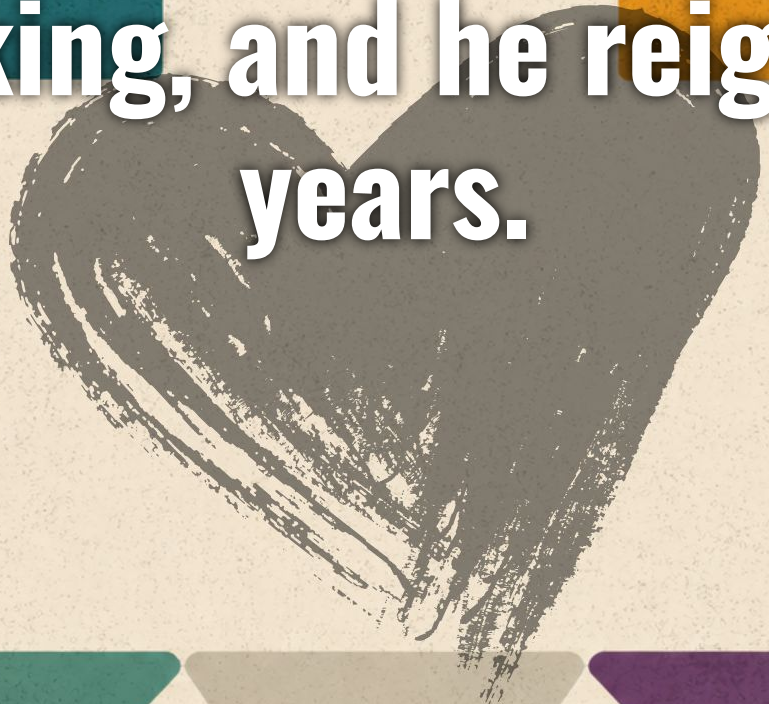
In the past, while Saul was king over us, you were the one who led Israel on their military campaigns. And the Lord said to you, ‘You will shepherd my people Israel, and you will become their ruler.’”

2 Samuel 5: 2 NIV

When all the elders of Israel had come to King David at Hebron, the king made a covenant with them at Hebron before the Lord, and they anointed David king over Israel.

2 Samuel 5: 3 NIV

David was thirty years old when he became king, and he reigned forty years.



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**In Hebron he reigned over Judah
seven years and six months, and in
Jerusalem he reigned over all Israel
and Judah thirty-three years.**

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David Made King

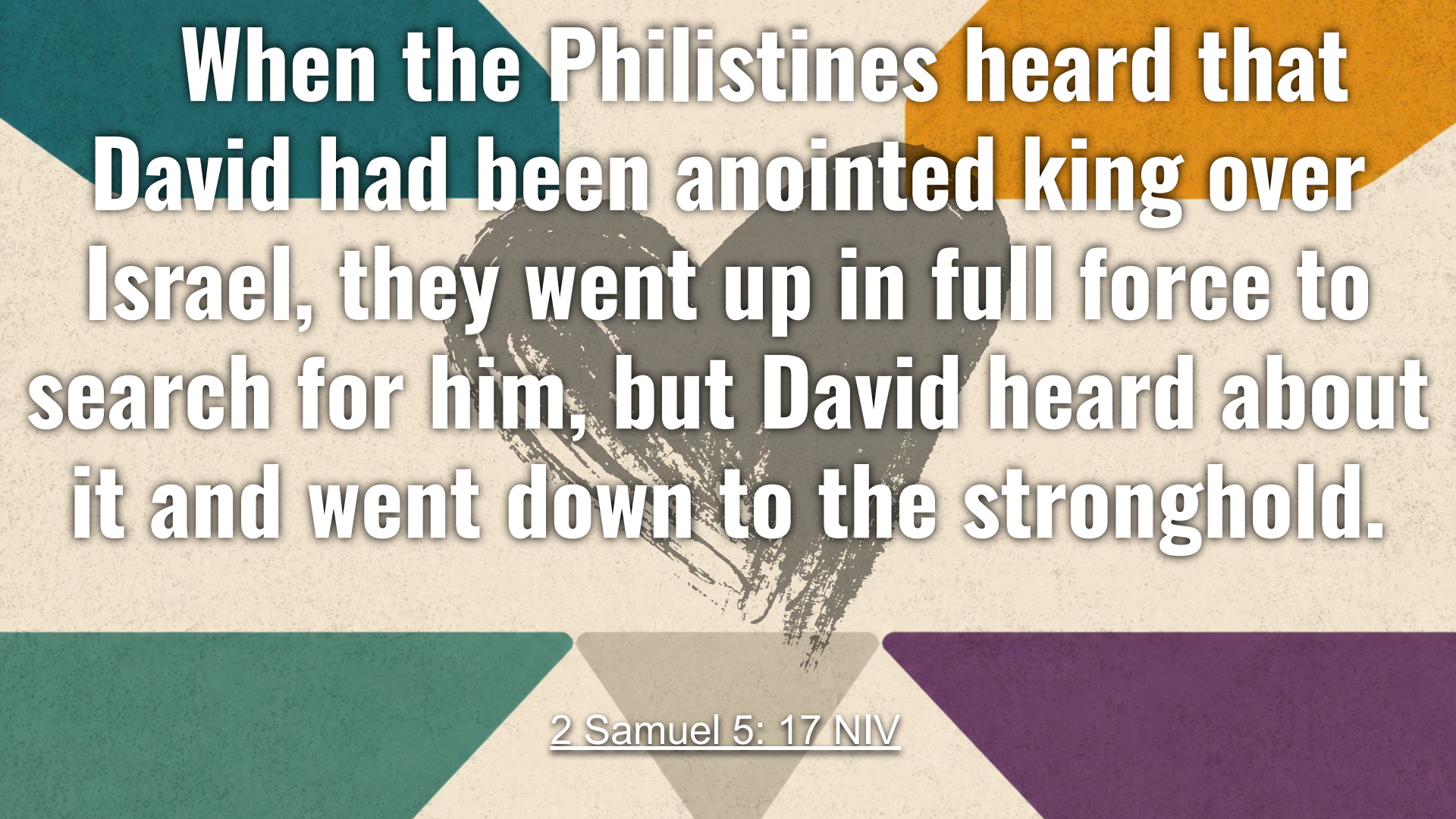
- ❖ All the tribes of Israel are present
 - They know God told David to shepherd His people
- ❖ The tribes and the elders anoint David as King

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Influence Like a Shepherd

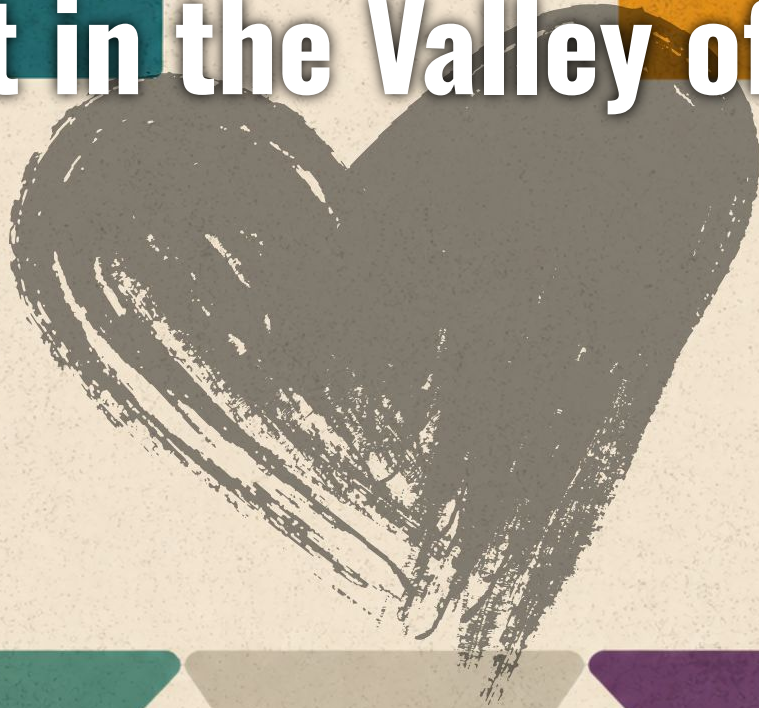
- ❖ **Shepherding takes patience**
- ❖ **Shepherding takes strength**
- ❖ **Shepherding is personal**



When the Philistines heard that David had been anointed king over Israel, they went up in full force to search for him, but David heard about it and went down to the stronghold.

2 Samuel 5: 17 NIV

**Now the Philistines had come and
spread out in the Valley of Rephaim;**



2 Samuel 5: 18 NIV

So David inquired of the Lord, “Shall I go and attack the Philistines? Will you deliver them into my hands?”

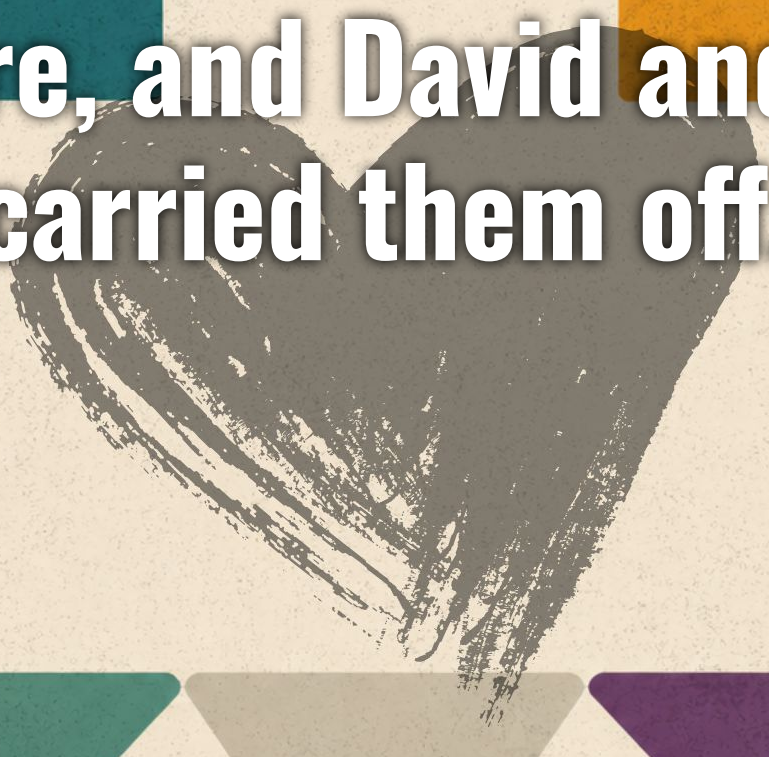
The Lord answered him, “Go, for I will surely deliver the Philistines into your hands.”

2 Samuel 5: 19 NIV

So David went to Baal Perazim, and there he defeated them. He said, “As waters break out, the Lord has broken out against my enemies before me.” So that place was called Baal Perazim.

2 Samuel 5: 20 NIV

**The Philistines abandoned their
idols there, and David and his men
carried them off.**

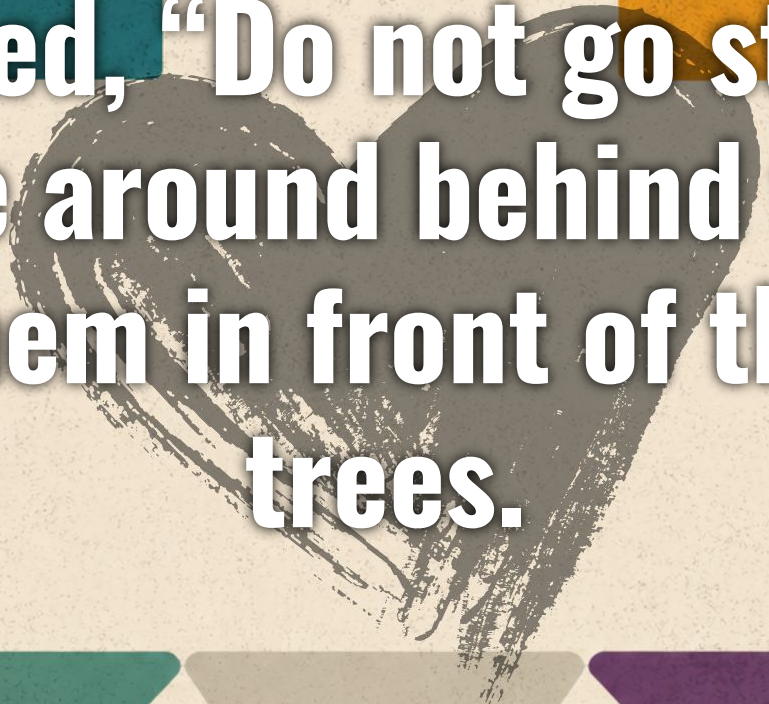


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Once more the Philistines came up and spread out in the Valley of Rephaim

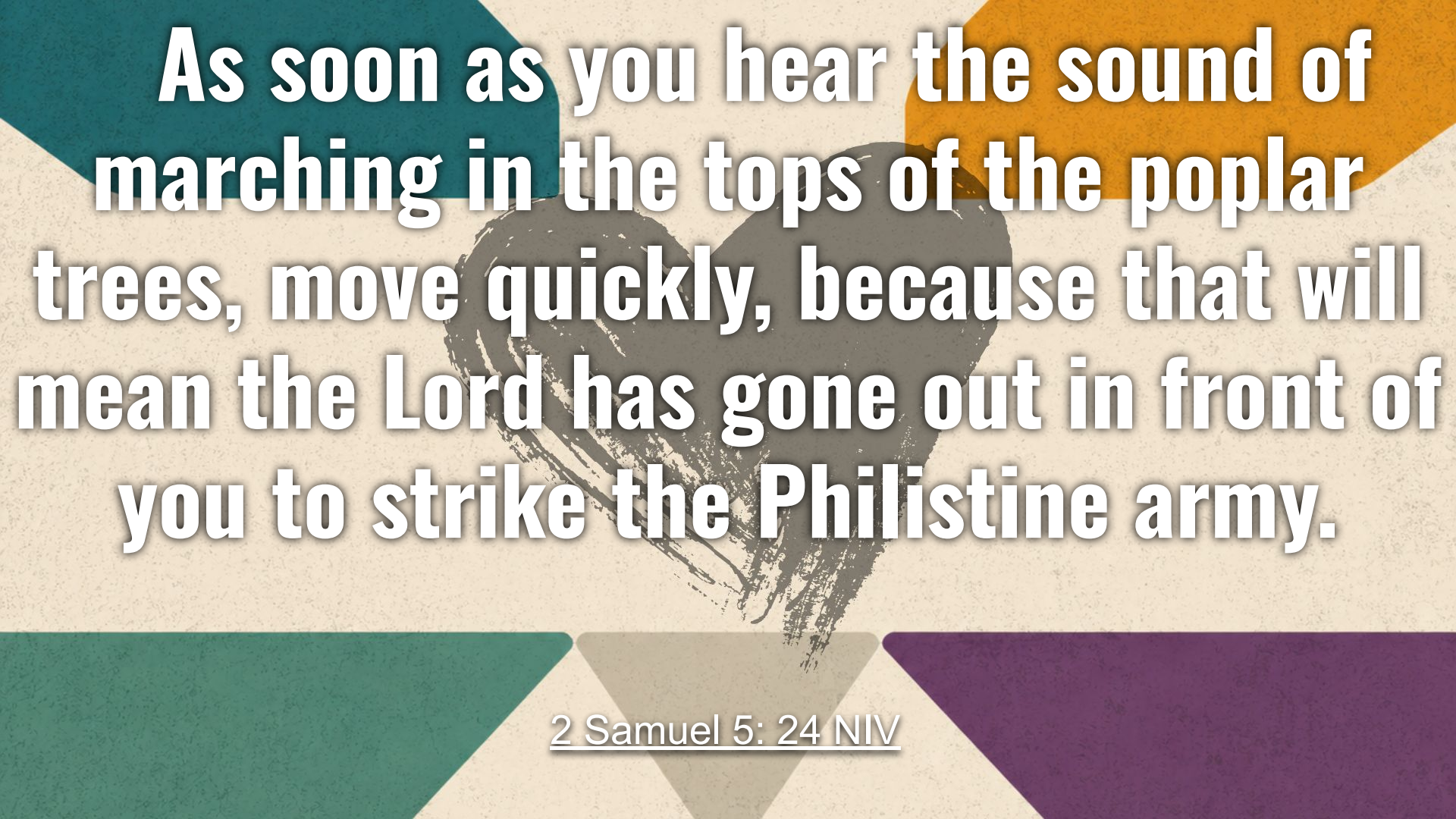


2 Samuel 5: 22 NIV

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So David inquired of the Lord, and he answered, “Do not go straight up, but circle around behind them and attack them in front of the poplar trees.”

2 Samuel 5: 23 NIV



**As soon as you hear the sound of
marching in the tops of the poplar
trees, move quickly, because that will
mean the Lord has gone out in front of
you to strike the Philistine army.**

2 Samuel 5: 24 NIV

**So David did as the Lord
commanded him, and he struck down
the Philistines all the way from
Gibeon to Gezer.**

2 Samuel 5: 25 NIV

David vs the Philistines

- ❖ The Philistines do not want a united Israel
- ❖ David seeks God's wisdom in both battles against the Philistines
- ❖ Both battles are won by David



WISDOM

When everyone is running the same direction don't
assume they know where it leads. Fear follows the
crowd, wisdom studies what lies ahead

Influence With Wisdom

- ❖ **Wisdom starts with observation**
 - **Take it in then take it to God**
- ❖ **Wisdom is acting with authority**

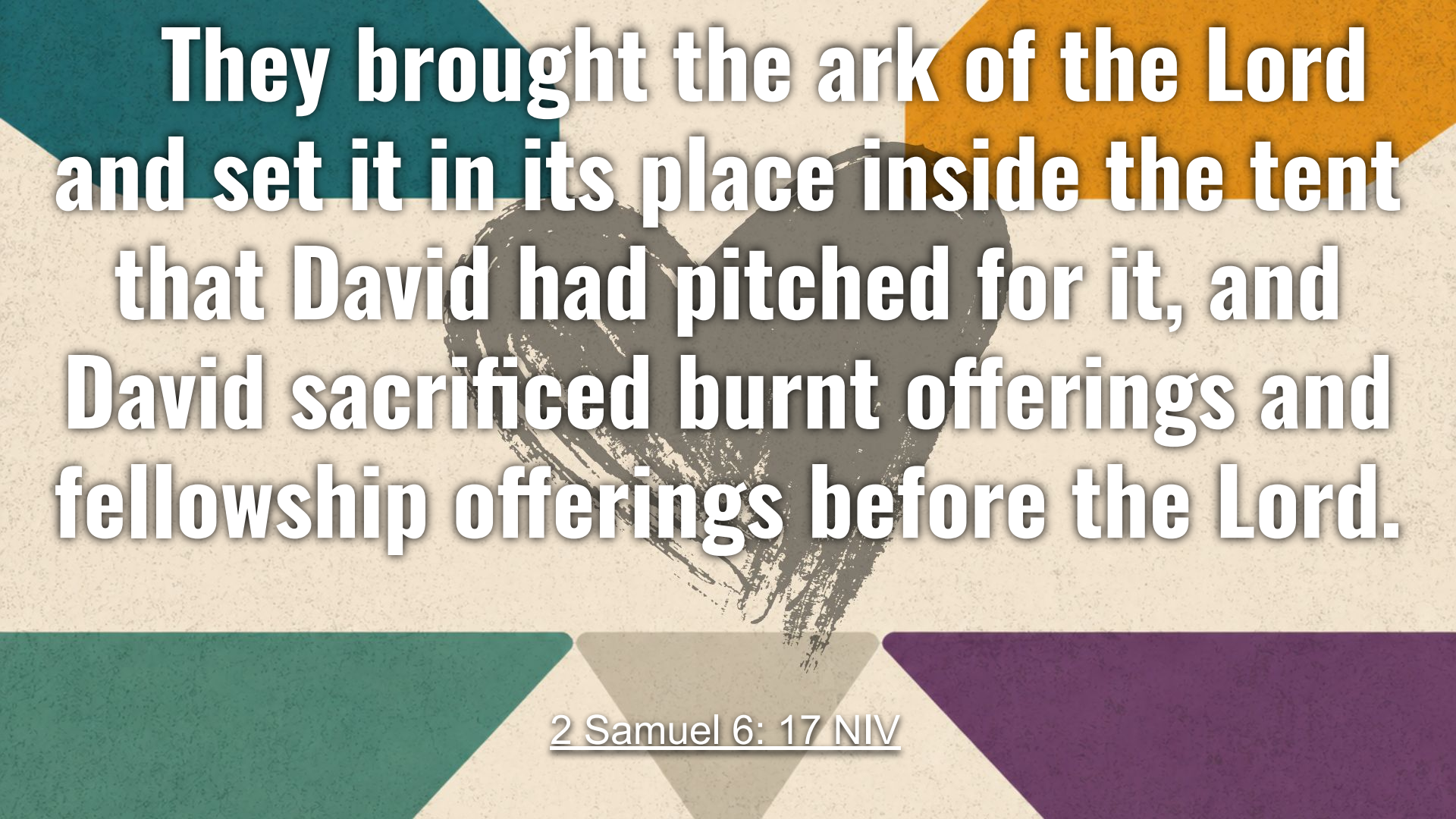


David Brings the Ark Back

- ❖ Doesn't go smoothly at first
- ❖ The ark has the tablets, but also, God's power and holiness inside
- ❖ David tries again

As the ark of the Lord was entering the City of David, Michal daughter of Saul watched from a window. And when she saw King David leaping and dancing before the Lord, she despised him in her heart.

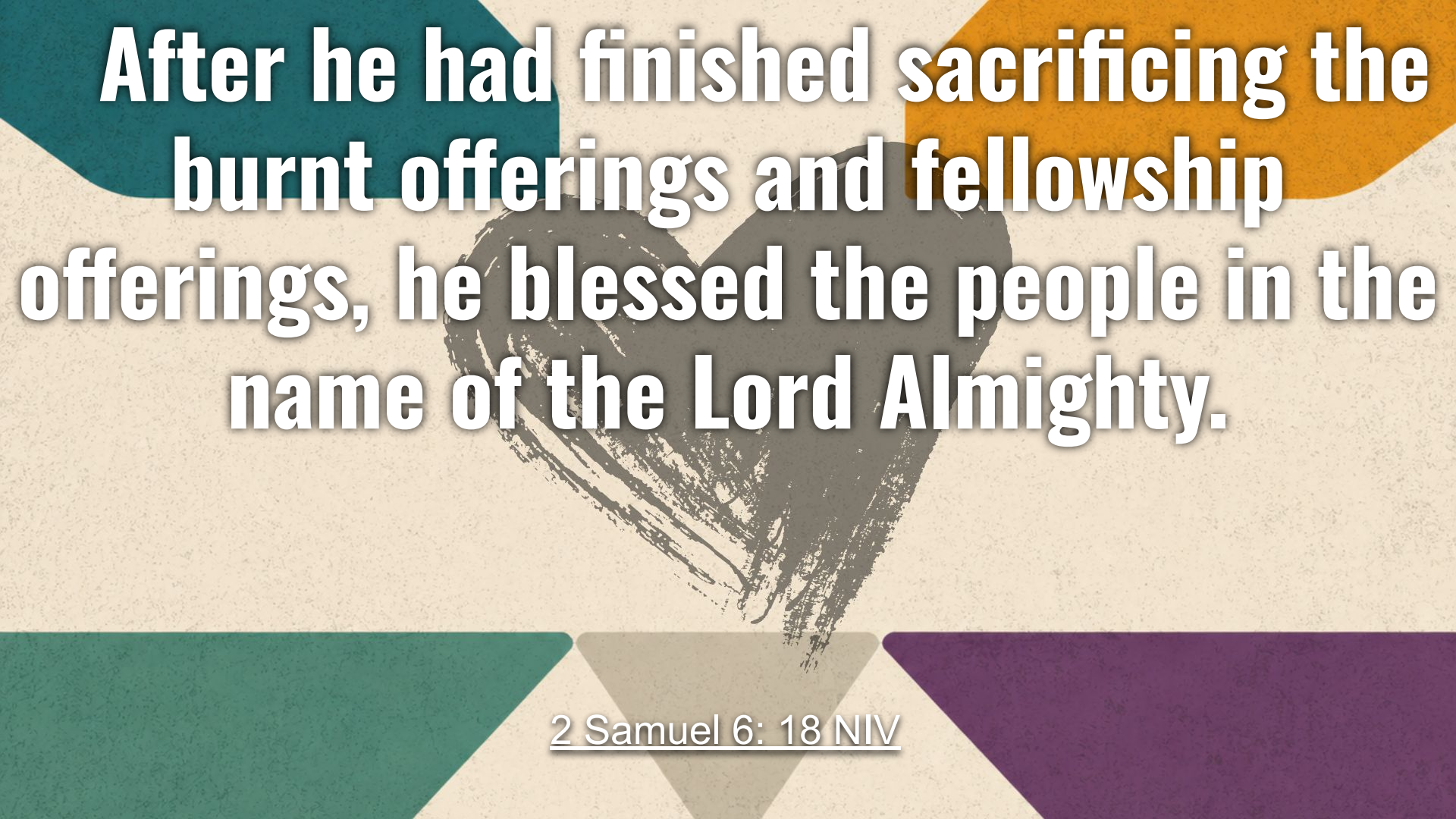
2 Samuel 6: 16 NIV



**They brought the ark of the Lord
and set it in its place inside the tent
that David had pitched for it, and
David sacrificed burnt offerings and
fellowship offerings before the Lord.**

2 Samuel 6: 17 NIV

After he had finished sacrificing the burnt offerings and fellowship offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the Lord Almighty.



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Then he gave a loaf of bread, a cake of dates and a cake of raisins to each person in the whole crowd of Israelites, both men and women. And all the people went to their homes.

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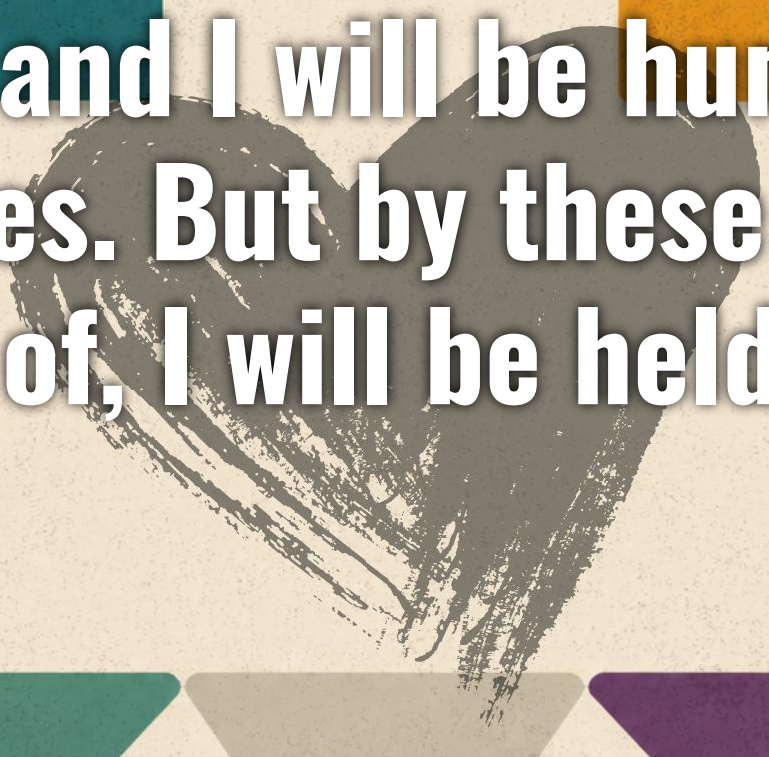
When David returned home to bless his household, Michal daughter of Saul came out to meet him and said, “How the king of Israel has distinguished himself today, going around half-naked in full view of the slave girls of his servants as any vulgar fellow would!”

2 Samuel 6: 20 NIV

David said to Michal, “It was before the Lord, who chose me rather than your father or anyone from his house when he appointed me ruler over the Lord’s people Israel—I will celebrate before the Lord.

2 Samuel 6: 21 NIV

I will become even more undignified than this, and I will be humiliated in my own eyes. But by these slave girls you spoke of, I will be held in honor.”



2 Samuel 6: 22 NIV

And Michal daughter of Saul had no children to the day of her death.



2 Samuel 6: 23 NIV

David's Act of Worship

- ❖ David is singing, dancing, and sacrificing burnt offerings to God
- ❖ Michal is not happy that David isn't "acting like a King"
- ❖ David will worship and praise God no matter what he looks like



EXAMPLE

*Example is not the main thing in
influencing others. It is the only thing”*

- Albert Schweitzer

Influence By Example

- ❖ Your example shows Jesus
- ❖ Influence by how **YOU** worship
- ❖ Influence by **YOU** love others
- ❖ Influence by how **YOU** grow

Be an Influencer

- ❖ Influence like a shepherd
- ❖ Influence with wisdom
- ❖ Influence by example
- ❖ Influence to make **JESUS** known