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Lam 3:22 Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail.

Lam 3:23 They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

Lam 3:24 I say to myself, "The LORD is my portion; therefore I will wait for him."

Lam 3:25 The LORD is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him;

Lam 3:26 it is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD.

Taking matters into your own hands:
Abraham



Taking matters into your own hands: Abraham

Gen 15:1 After this, the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: "Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward."

Gen 15:2 But Abram said, "O Sovereign LORD, what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?"

Gen 15:3 And Abram said, "You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir."

Gen 15:4 Then the word of the LORD came to him: "This man will not be your heir, but a son coming from your own body will be your heir."

Taking matters into your own hands: Abraham

Gen 16:1 Now Sarai, Abram's wife, had borne him no children. But she had an Egyptian maidservant named Hagar;

Gen 16:2 so she said to Abram, "The LORD has kept me from having children. Go, sleep with my maidservant; perhaps I can build a family through her." Abram agreed to what Sarai said.

Taking matters into your own hands: Abraham

Gen 17:15 God also said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you are no longer to call her Sarai; her name will be Sarah.

Gen 17:16 I will bless her and will surely give you a son by her. I will bless her so that she will be the mother of nations; kings of peoples will come from her."

A close-up photograph of a dog's head, likely a Golden Retriever, looking out of a window. The dog's fur is a mix of light and dark brown. The window has white frames and a metal railing is visible in the foreground. The background shows a blurred view of a building's exterior.

Taking matters into your own hands: Abraham

Gen 17:17 Abraham fell facedown; he laughed and said to himself, "Will a son be born to a man a hundred years old? Will Sarah bear a child at the age of ninety?"

Gen 17:18 And Abraham said to God, "If only Ishmael might live under your blessing!"

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Taking matters into your own hands: Abraham

Gen 17:21 But my covenant I will establish with Isaac, whom Sarah will bear to you by this time next year."

A close-up photograph of a golden retriever dog resting its head on a white windowsill. The dog's face is in profile, looking out a window. The window has a white metal railing. The background shows a light-colored wall with horizontal lines. A black rounded rectangle with white text is overlaid on the image.

Pro 16:9 In his heart a man plans his course,
but the LORD determines his steps.

A close-up photograph of a dog's head and neck resting on a white window sill. The dog has long, wavy, light brown fur. In the background, a window with white metal bars is visible, looking out onto a light-colored building facade. Two white text boxes with black borders are overlaid on the image, containing biblical text.

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Pro 20:24 A man's steps are directed by the
LORD. How then can anyone understand his
own way?

Taking matters into your own hands:
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1Sa 13:5 The Philistines assembled to fight Israel, with three thousand chariots, six thousand charioteers, and soldiers as numerous as the sand on the seashore. They went up and camped at Micmash, east of Beth Aven.

1Sa 13:6 When the men of Israel saw that their situation was critical and that their army was hard pressed, they hid in caves and thickets, among the rocks, and in pits and cisterns.

Taking matters into your own hands: King Saul

1Sa 13:7 Some Hebrews even crossed the Jordan to the land of Gad and Gilead. Saul remained at Gilgal, and all the troops with him were quaking with fear.

1Sa 13:8 He waited seven days, the time set by Samuel; but Samuel did not come to Gilgal, and Saul's men began to scatter.

1Sa 13:9 So he said, "Bring me the burnt offering and the fellowship offerings." And Saul offered up the burnt offering.

Taking matters into your own hands: King Saul

1Sa 13:10 Just as he finished making the offering, Samuel arrived, and Saul went out to greet him.

1Sa 13:11 "What have you done?" asked Samuel. Saul replied, "When I saw that the men were scattering, and that you did not come at the set time, and that the Philistines were assembling at Micmash,

1Sa 13:12 I thought, 'Now the Philistines will come down against me at Gilgal, and I have not sought the LORD's favor.' So I felt compelled to offer the burnt offering."

Taking matters into your own hands: King Saul

1Sa 13:13 "You acted foolishly," Samuel said. "You have not kept the command the LORD your God gave you; if you had, he would have established your kingdom over Israel for all time.

1Sa 13:14 But now your kingdom will not endure; the LORD has sought out a man after his own heart and appointed him leader of his people, because you have not kept the LORD's command."

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Pro 14:12 There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death.


Waiting for the LORD
David vs Saul



Waiting for the LORD David vs Saul


1Sa 24:4 The men said, "This is the day the LORD spoke of when he said to you, 'I will give your enemy into your hands for you to deal with as you wish.'" Then David crept up unnoticed and cut off a corner of Saul's robe.

1Sa 24:5 Afterward, David was conscience-stricken for having cut off a corner of his robe.

A golden retriever dog is lying on a white windowsill, looking out a window with white bars. The dog's head is on the left, and its body extends towards the right. The window is on the right side of the image, and the bars are visible in the background. The dog's fur is a mix of light and dark golden colors.

Waiting for the LORD David vs Saul

1Sa 24:12 May the LORD judge between you and me. And may the LORD avenge the wrongs you have done to me, but my hand will not touch you.

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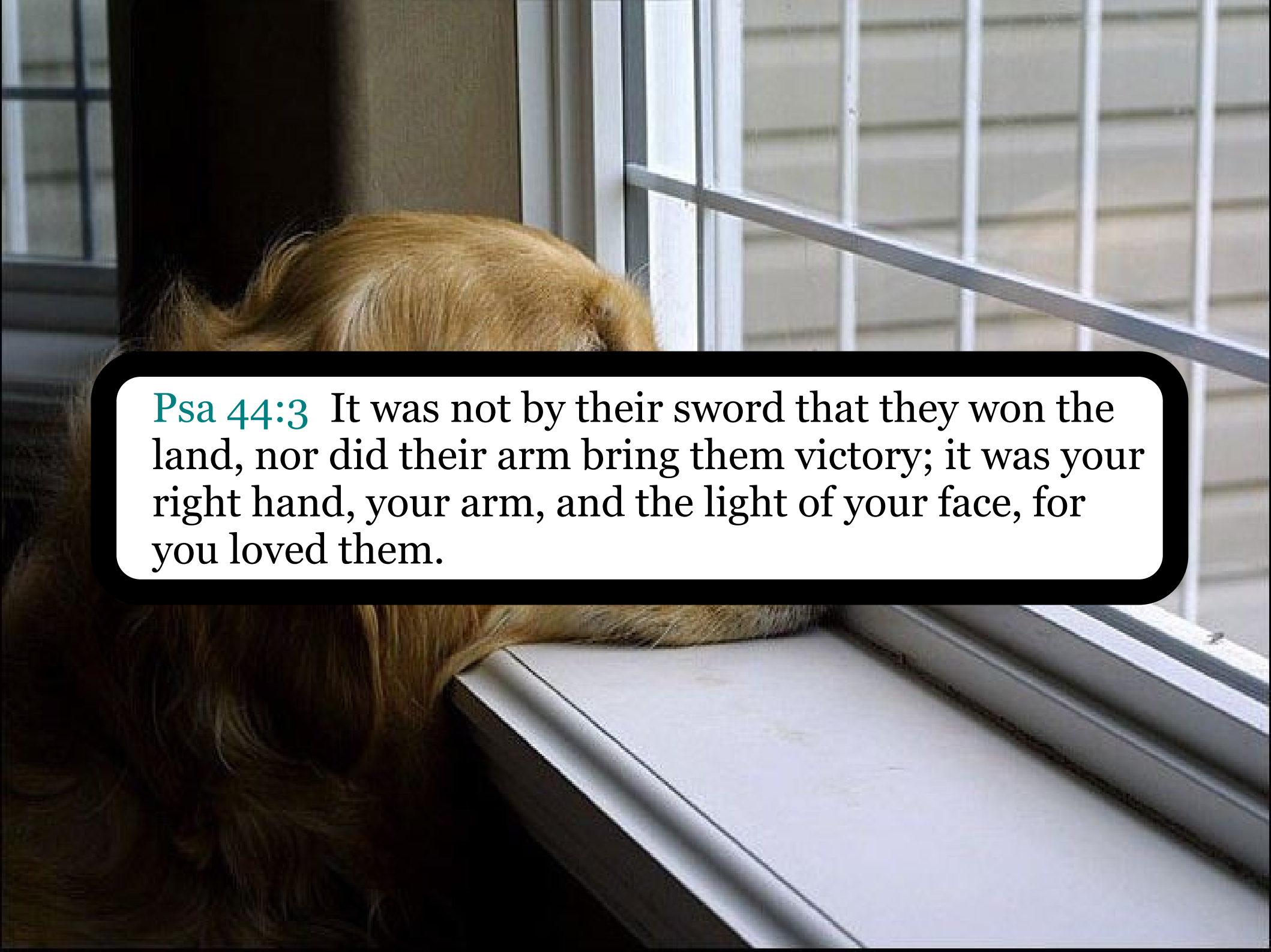
An open door?

Waiting for the LORD David vs Saul

1Sa 26:9 But David said to Abishai, "Don't destroy him! Who can lay a hand on the LORD's anointed and be guiltless?"

1Sa 26:10 As surely as the LORD lives," he said, "the LORD himself will strike him; either his time will come and he will die, or he will go into battle and perish.

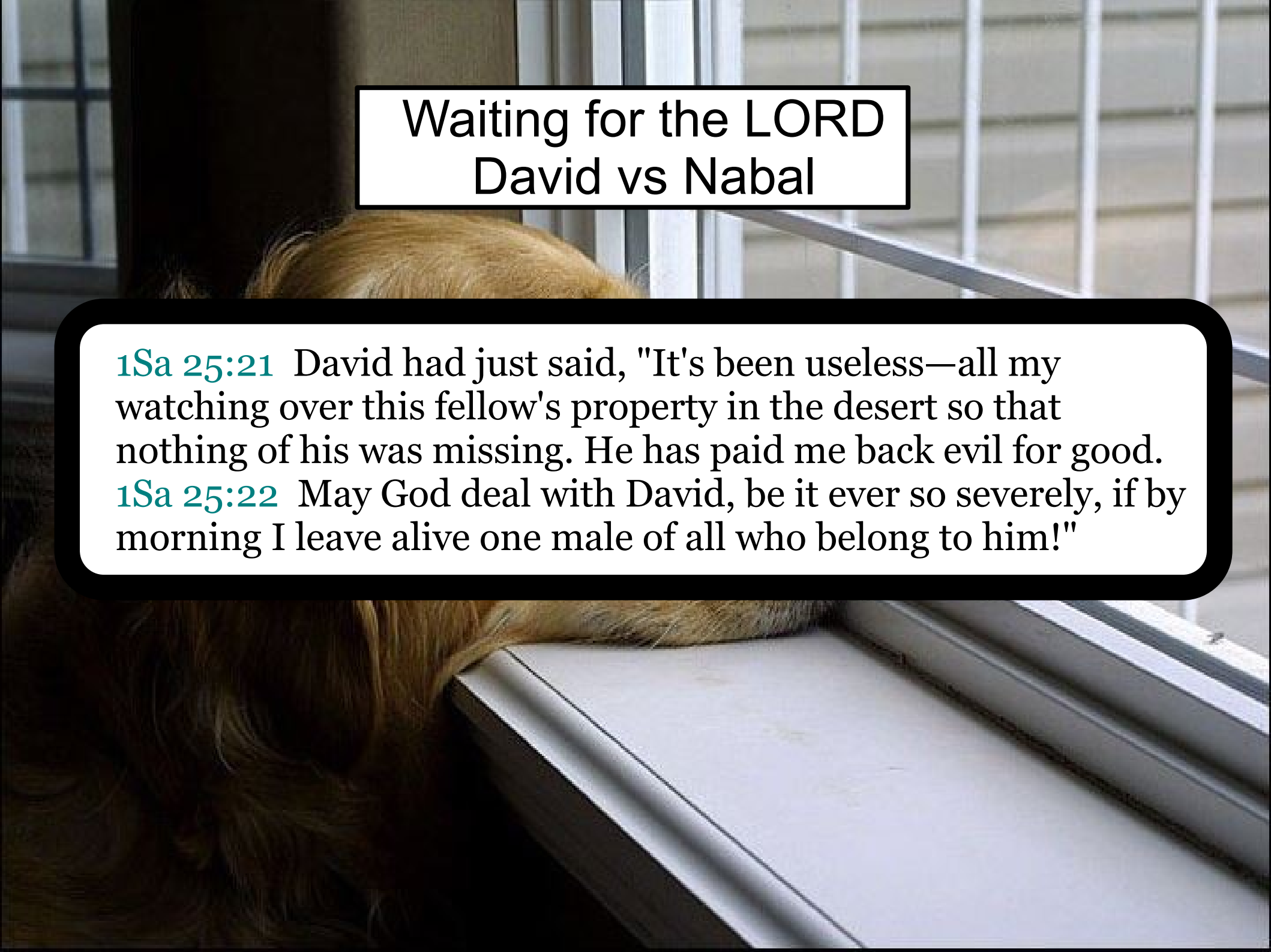
1Sa 26:11 But the LORD forbid that I should lay a hand on the LORD's anointed. Now get the spear and water jug that are near his head, and let's go."

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Psa 44:3 It was not by their sword that they won the land, nor did their arm bring them victory; it was your right hand, your arm, and the light of your face, for you loved them.

Waiting for the LORD
David vs Nabal



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Waiting for the LORD David vs Nabal

1Sa 25:21 David had just said, "It's been useless—all my watching over this fellow's property in the desert so that nothing of his was missing. He has paid me back evil for good.

1Sa 25:22 May God deal with David, be it ever so severely, if by morning I leave alive one male of all who belong to him!"

Waiting for the LORD David vs Nabal


1Sa 25:23 When Abigail saw David, she quickly got off her donkey and bowed down before David with her face to the ground.

1Sa 25:24 She fell at his feet and said: "My lord, let the blame be on me alone. Please let your servant speak to you; hear what your servant has to say."

Waiting for the LORD David vs Nabal

1Sa 25:25 May my lord pay no attention to that wicked man Nabal. He is just like his name—his name is Fool, and folly goes with him. But as for me, your servant, I did not see the men my master sent.


1Sa 25:26 "Now since the LORD has kept you, my master, from bloodshed and from avenging yourself with your own hands, as surely as the LORD lives and as you live, may your enemies and all who intend to harm my master be like Nabal.

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Waiting for the LORD David vs Nabal

1Sa 25:32 David said to Abigail, "Praise be to the LORD, the God of Israel, who has sent you today to meet me.

1Sa 25:33 May you be blessed for your good judgment and for keeping me from bloodshed this day and from avenging myself with my own hands.

A photograph of a dog, possibly a golden retriever, lying on a windowsill. The dog's head is resting on the sill, and its body extends towards the left. The window behind it has white frames and a view of a building exterior. The overall scene is calm and domestic.

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Accepting wise counsel

Waiting for the LORD David vs Nabal

1Sa 25:37 Then in the morning, when Nabal was sober, his wife told him all these things, and his heart failed him and he became like a stone.

1Sa 25:38 About ten days later, the LORD struck Nabal and he died.

1Sa 25:39 When David heard that Nabal was dead, he said, "Praise be to the LORD, who has upheld my cause against Nabal for treating me with contempt. He has kept his servant from doing wrong and has brought Nabal's wrongdoing down on his own head." Then David sent word to Abigail, asking her to become his wife.

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Rom 12:19 Do not take revenge, my friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord.

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David vs Shimei



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2Sa 16:5 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.

2Sa 16:6 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.

2Sa 16:7 As he cursed, Shimei said, "Get out, get out, you man of blood, you scoundrel!"

2Sa 16:8 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 handed the kingdom over to your son Absalom. You have come to ruin because you are a man of blood!"

Waiting for the LORD David vs Shimei

2Sa 16:9 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."

2Sa 16:10 But the king said, "What do you and I have in common, you sons of Zeruiah? If he is cursing because the LORD said to him, 'Curse David,' who can ask, 'Why do you do this?'"

2Sa 16:11 David then said to Abishai and all his officials, "My son, who is of my own flesh, is trying to take my life. How much more, then, this Benjamite! Leave him alone; let him curse, for the LORD has told him to.

2Sa 16:12 It may be that the LORD will see my distress and repay me with good for the cursing I am receiving today."

Waiting for the LORD David vs Shimei


1Ki 2:41 When Solomon was told that Shimei had gone from Jerusalem to Gath and had returned,

1Ki 2:42 the king summoned Shimei and said to him, "Did I not make you swear by the LORD and warn you, 'On the day you leave to go anywhere else, you can be sure you will die'? At that time you said to me, 'What you say is good. I will obey.'

1Ki 2:43 Why then did you not keep your oath to the LORD and obey the command I gave you?"

1Ki 2:44 The king also said to Shimei, "You know in your heart all the wrong you did to my father David. Now the LORD will repay you for your wrongdoing.

1Ki 2:45 But King Solomon will be blessed, and David's throne will remain secure before the LORD forever."

A golden retriever dog is sitting on a white windowsill, looking out a window. The window has a white metal railing. The dog's head is resting on the sill, and its fur is a rich golden color. The background outside the window shows a light-colored wall with horizontal lines, possibly a brick or stone wall.

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Waiting for the LORD
David Inquires



A close-up photograph of a dog's head and front paws resting on a white windowsill. The dog has long, wavy, golden-brown fur. It is looking out a window with white metal bars. The background outside the window shows a light-colored brick wall.

Waiting for the LORD David Inquires

1Sa 22:5 But the prophet Gad said to David, "Do not stay in the stronghold. Go into the land of Judah." So David left and went to the forest of Hereth.

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1Sa 22:15a Was that day the first time I inquired of God for him? Of course not!

Waiting for the LORD David Inquires

1Sa 23:1 When David was told, "Look, the Philistines are fighting against Keilah and are looting the threshing floors,"

1Sa 23:2 he inquired of the LORD, saying, "Shall I go and attack these Philistines?" The LORD answered him, "Go, attack the Philistines and save Keilah."

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Waiting for the LORD David Inquires

1Sa 23:4 Once again David inquired of the LORD, and the LORD answered him, "Go down to Keilah, for I am going to give the Philistines into your hand."



Waiting for the LORD
David Inquires

2Sa 2:1 In the course of time, David inquired of the LORD. "Shall I go up to one of the towns of Judah?" he asked. The LORD said, "Go up." David asked, "Where shall I go?" "To Hebron," the LORD answered.

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2Sa 5:19 so David inquired of the LORD, "Shall I go and attack the Philistines? Will you hand them over to me?" The LORD answered him, "Go, for I will surely hand the Philistines over to you."

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2Sa 5:23 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 balsam trees.

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Isa 40:30 Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall;

Isa 40:31 but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

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