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Divided We Fall

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As we wind our way through the corridors of the Living Legend of David, we move quietly now into the twilight years of David's life. Our once mighty king, now in some respects, but a shadow of his former self, watches in dismay as his kingdom, once virtually invincible, now constantly teeters on the brink of collapse.

But here is the mystery. Though the mighty man of days gone by no longer leads with assurance, no longer commands the same level of respect, no longer causes the enemy to quake at the very mention of his name, the David we see in his waning years, in some ways, has even more to offer us if we are to learn living lessons from his life.

This David has been so bruised on the polishing wheel of adversity, that though the man we see seems somewhat pathetic as a leader, many qualities have emerged in his life that overshadow his loss of leadership. For now we have seen refined in his soul the basic qualities that constitute real greatness: qualities like compassion, understanding, tolerance, and patience.

What a pity that so many men whose lives have finally been melted in the furnace of affliction are put on the shelf as unusable because of their past mistakes. I say pity because they have often, in a very real sense, finally really become usable. So it is with David. Plagued by the fruits of his wrong choices, his leadership now lacks the aggressive vitality the world is looking for; but in his heart King David may now be qualified at last to communicate such things as mercy and love.

Oh, Beloved, don't be too quick to place on the scrapheap of life those whose mistakes have placed them in what you construe to be the unusable category. Some of them may have only now experienced the grace of God in ways that make them fit to minister at last.

In today's story, David as a leader stumbles and nearly falls once again as the king's kingdom rests on the precipice of collapse over issues so ridiculous you almost have to laugh to keep from crying. But you really can't laugh; too much is at stake. What's at stake where we are concerned is the issue of unity and harmony in the family of God. And what we are trying to examine in the process is the high cost of divisiveness both in the kingdom and

in the home.

Today's study takes us to the closing verses of II Samuel 19 where we will see:

I- DAVID'S DILEMMA - THE STORY

If you remember our last lesson, you will recall that at the king's own request, he has been invited to return to the palace to rule and to reign once again. Chased from home by the bullets of his own son, David was delivered by God miraculously, even though his viscous offspring, Absalom, became a casualty in the process.

Now David, unsure of himself at this stage, rather than waiting on God, buys back the kingdom through bribery, offering Joab's job as Secretary of Defense to the Captain of the Revolutionary Army, a man named Amasa. The bribe works, and Dave gets a personal invitation to his own re-coronation. On his way home, you will remember, the king encounters three unique men with three unique backgrounds, and the picture they paint formed the backdrop for last week's lesson.

As the curtain goes up on today's drama, David is arriving home to don the crown and wield the scepter once again. It has the makings of a glorious homecoming. A slight hitch in the goings-on, however, surfaces to mar the joy of the occasion. It is at this point that today's lesson begins.

Just then all the men of Israel came to the king, and said to the king, "Why have our brethren, the men of Judah, stolen you away and brought the king, his household, and all David's men with him across the Jordan?"

So all the men of Judah answered the men of Israel, "Because the king is a close relative of ours. Why then are you angry over this matter? Have we ever eaten at the king's expense? Or has he given us any gift?"

And the men of Israel answered the men of Judah, and said, "We have ten shares in the king; therefore we also have more right to David than you. Why then do you despise us—were we not the first to advise bringing back our king?" Yet the words of the men of Judah were fiercer than the words of the men of Israel.

(II Samuel 19:41-43 NKJV)

Walt Disney Presents!!!

The title of this little episode might well be "Walt Disney

Presents", because this is one of the most *Mickey Mouse* minirevolutions in the Bible. Many times we read of major setbacks among God's people over genuine conflicts, but this one is so *Mickey Mouse* it's almost funny.

At first, you may recall no one was sure whether or not they even wanted David back as king. In fact, until Dave did the bribery number on Amasa, he was headed for lower Slobbovia as one of Israel's exiled ex's. First no one wanted him, now everyone wants credit for bringing him back. Such is the uncertainty with which the winds of fortune blow against the lives of men.

Just envision the scene. Dave, at last, having dealt so masterfully with Shimei, Mephibosheth, and Barzillai, now arrives at Gilgal accompanied by a host of the men of Judah. The royal welcome was underway! No doubt the aging ruler envisioned streets lined with banners that proclaimed "Long Live the king!" or "Let's Hear It For Dave!" (Or whatever it was they put on banners back then.) You can just see the wrinkles in his face as he breaks into his Nixon-like grin, and his "V for Victory" sign as he triumphantly moves into the city.

But suddenly, the festivities come to a halt. Marching towards him comes an entourage of hostile Hebrews carrying placards, but instead of reading "Dave's our Boy", they read something like this: "Down with the Judahites; They have Stolen our King!" An angry mob forms, and before the king can so much as recover from the sudden shock of the change of atmosphere, the Jewish leaders rail at David, "Why have you allowed these men of Judah to steal you away? What right do they have to lead you over the Jordan and bring you here?"

Suddenly, the men of Judah interrupt, and in an angry rage they shout, "And why shouldn't we escort the king? He's of our tribe; we're his next of kin. Besides, we haven't asked for anything or taken anything. So just *cool it.*"

The men of Israel have an answer for that, too. "Big deal; so he's your relative. There are one of you and ten of us. That means we have TEN TIMES the rights you have. We operate on a majority representation. Who gave YOU the right to escort *our* king?"

The verse ends this way:

...Yet the words of the men of Judah were fiercer than the words of the men of Israel. (II Samuel 19:43 NKJV)

In other words, the argument got hot and heavy, and the men of Judah argued with even more harshness and anger than the Israelites, until a wall of divisiveness stretched around the king. Much to his dismay, his homecoming had turned into a civil war, all over the incredibly idiotic issue of who had the biggest right to accompany the king across the Jordan—those who were closest to him or those who had the most votes. Just a few days before, neither of them was sure they even wanted him back at all.

Now before you break forth into an anthem of condemnation. you'd better stop and think about the magnitude of the kinds of things that have divided homes and families and churches in your own experience. We've seen churches torn asunder by matters of such eternal significance as whether the pews ought to be covered in aqua or gold, whether or not to plant trees in the front of a new building, whose name to put on the new addition, the way the preacher's wife combs her hair, and the way that Deacon Brown takes up the offering. Families have divided over who fixes supper, what kind of sofa to buy, whether or not to buy a blue car or a green one. Partnerships have dissolved over such world-shattering matters as where to put the desk, who answers the phone, and how long the secretary takes for lunch. Man, apart from God, is destined to divisiveness. Because his heart is sinful, and his desires are selfish, his demands are ridiculous. Claiming to only be protecting his rights (whatever that means) he is willing to devour those about him in total disregard for the real issues and the resulting consequences.

There is no place where this is more devastating than the church. Read I Corinthians, chapter one. There Paul was furious at the scope of the nonsense that had divided that church, and in so doing had clouded the incredibly vital issues that awaited their attention, issues such as the salvation of the lost, the growth of the saints, the development of the ministry, the scope of missions, and the needs of the less-affluent brethren. Those things, all of eternal consequence, had been shelved while the troops argued over who was a follower of whom, when they had all been commanded simply to be followers of Christ. And so the first denominational squabble brings to a halt the movement of the gospel train across the reaches of the then known world. Is it any wonder, Paul speaks with such force in verse 10? Listen to that passage from the Living Bible:

But dear brothers, I beg you in the name of the Lord Jesus

Christ to stop arguing among yourselves. Let there be real harmony so that there won't be splits in the church. I plead with you to be of one mind, united in thought and purpose.

For some of those who live at Chloe's house have told me of your arguments and quarrels, dear brothers.

Some of you are saying, "I am a follower of Paul"; and others say that they are for Apollos or for Peter; and some that they alone are the true followers of Christ.

And so, in effect, you have broken Christ into many pieces. (I Corinthians 1:10-13a TLB)

I don't know how that kind of arguing affects you, but it makes *me* sick. I also know how it affects the unbelieving world. It erects a barrier between them and the Truth that should never be there; and it says to the world, these men may not be Christians at all for the Scripture clearly records in John 13:

By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another. (John 13:35 NKJV)

The Corinthians had a problem. They had forgotten why they were there. They had lost their perspective. They had carved the body of Christ up into little segments and put names on each segment, then they proceeded to earmark certain groups as superior to others, beginning with whatever group they were in! Paul said, what blasphemy!

What a perfect way to kill the church. In an old monastery near Bebenhausen, Germany, there is prominently displayed for all to see, two pairs of deer horns interlocked. The animals had been found in that position. Having "locked horns" in a bitter fight, the result was that both were rendered helpless and, left in that condition, both died. Well might those horns be mounted in every home and in every church as a grim reminder that futile argumentation simply means that everybody loses.

Certainly that was the case in II Samuel 19. No one came out ahead in this, the most *Mickey Mouse* squabble in David's career. There was no basis for the quarrel, and in such cases, the temperature often rises even higher. The end result was, believe it or not, a full-scale national revolt.

The World Is Waiting For A Fool

It would appear that the world, with its naturally divisive bent, is standing around waiting for a fool to emerge with a cause

that has no merit so the masses have a reason to revolt. Such is the case in this matter. So chapter twenty begins this way:

And there happened to be there a rebel, whose name was Sheba the son of Bichri, a Benjamite. And he blew a trumpet, and said: "We have no share in David, Nor do we have inheritance in the son of Jesse; Every man to his tents, O Israe!!

So every man of Israel deserted David, and followed Sheba the son of Bichri. But the men of Judah, from the Jordan as far as Jerusalem, remained loyal to their king.

Now David came to his house at Jerusalem. And the king took the ten women, his concubines whom he had left to keep the house, and put them in seclusion and supported them, but did not go in to them. So they were shut up to the day of their death, living in widowhood.

And the king said to Amasa, "Assemble the men of Judah for me within three days, and be present here yourself."

(II Samuel 20:1-4 NKJV)

I trust you can feel David's grief at the unnecessary turn of events. First, they were squabbling that he was their king; thus it was their right to escort him. Now at the mere sound of the trumpet of a hotheaded upstart who shouted, "If we can't have all of David, we'll have none of David", more than ninety percent of his followers desert him. Like confused sheep, having forgotten the very reason for their argument, they bolt and run after an unknown dissenter, leaving the aged king with his faithful remnant, stunned and alone.

Sadly, he returns to Jerusalem, and the next order of business, which included placing in virtual seclusion the concubines he had left behind that his son had defiled. With that behind him, he calls on his untested, unqualified Defense Minister, General Amasa, and gives him his first real assignment. He had three days to go throughout the tribe of Judah and line up all the troops he could find. Then he was to appear, army in hand, before the king, ready to receive his marching orders.

The Second String Misses the Game

Unfortunately, David got less than he bargained for when he negotiated his right to return in exchange for Joab's job. Amasa, second-string quarterback for the Judah Lions, has been given the starting job in return for favoritism. Now called into the game with time running out, it's time for the huddle, and our new All-

Israeli signal-caller is nowhere in sight. We continue:

So Amasa went to assemble the men of Judah. But he delayed longer than the set time which David had appointed him.

And David said to Abishai, "Now Sheba the son of Bichri will do us more harm than Absalom. Take your lord's servants and pursue him, lest he find for himself fortified cities, and escape us."

(II Samuel 20:5,6 NKJV)

It's time to go to war, and the new commander-in-chief, gained in a trade with the enemy, has not yet arrived with the troops. David, fearing that Sheba could, in effect, divide the kingdom as bitterly as Absalom had, calls on his number two man, Colonel Abishai, the eager lad who wanted Shimei on a platter a few verses ago, and makes him the new head of the war department.

The story that ensues is another sad one, but we see the sovereignty of God overrule the plans of men, even through the misdeeds of men whose hearts are not in tune with God's. What we see next is:

A Sharp Greeting and a Short Career

Off into the battle goes Abishai with Joab, who was actually Abishai's brother, apparently gleefully trotting along behind, and what was left of his once-valiant army in tow.

So Joab's men, with the Cherethites, the Pelethites, and all the mighty men, went out after him. And they went out of Jerusalem to pursue Sheba the son of Bichri.

When they were at the large stone which is in Gibeon, Amasa came before them. Now Joab was dressed in battle armor; on it was a belt with a sword fastened in its sheath at his hips; and as he was going forward, it fell out.

Then Joab said to Amasa, "Are you in health, my brother?" And Joab took Amasa by the beard with his right hand to kiss him.

But Amasa did not notice the sword that was in Joab 's hand. And he struck him with it in the stomach, and his entrails poured out on the ground; and he did not strike him again. Thus he died. (II Samuel 20:7-10 NKJV)

Do you understand what happened? Abishai blows his whistle, calls on what was left of the troops, and with his fired but still fired-up brother, Joab, riding along for moral support (and it turns out, much more), he takes off looking for Sheba. They

get as far as the great rock at Gibeon, and look who's coming up the trail but El Commander himself, Amasa, ex-enemy, presently trying to catch up with the troops he had failed to muster in the three allotted days.

Joab, who apparently had the gift of fellowship, rushes up to Amasa, his recent replacement, grabs him by the beard and plants a big kiss on his cheek. Just to be sure he offers a sharp greeting. He lets his trusty dagger slide from its sheath, and it just happens (with a little bit of help) to slide instead into brother Amasa's tummy. In goes the knife, out comes the tummy, according to the rather graphic account in verse ten, and down goes the general in a pool of blood, his short career as commander-in-chief dissolving in the process.

At first, Amasa's troops stand there dazed, but as soon as Joab slides their leader's body into the brush, they all mobilize behind their old hero, General Joab. Off they go, united again, after their common enemy, the screamin' Sheba. Sheba had traveled across Israel, scrounging up more troops as he went. Finally he came to the city of Abel at Beth-Maacah. Safely entrenched behind the city gates, Sheba prepares for war as Joab and his army begin battering at the walls that surround the city.

One Wise Woman Saves A City

Fortunately, the city of Abel was known as a place to come for wise counsel. And equally as fortunate, its inhabitants were not apparently enamored with the prospects of having Shoutin' Sheba, the rebel, use their counseling center as a fortress to protect him from all the king's men. So once again, God intervenes:

Then a wise woman cried out from the city, "Hear, hear! Please say to Joab, 'Come nearby, that I may speak with you."

When he had come near to her, the woman said, "Are you Joab?" He answered, "I am." Then she said to him, "Hear the words of your maidservant." And he answered, "I am listening."

So she spoke, saying, "They used to talk in former times, saying, 'They shall surely seek *guidance* at Abel,' and so they would end *disputes*." [In other words, in all humility, she remarked, it's been said that we are the last word when it comes to giving out sound advice.]

"I am among the peaceable and faithful in Israel. You seek

to destroy a city and a mother in Israel. Why would you swallow up the inheritance of the LORD?"

(II Samuel 20:16-19 NKJV)

Now I don't know about you, but I consider this one brave woman. Surrounded by an angry horde of men whose only objective was to kill Sheba and stop an uprising that had cost their king his kingdom, she quietly approaches Joab and attempts to reason with him about the matter.

"What are you trying to do, needlessly destroy a city that is steeped in Jewish tradition?" she argues, "what have we done to deserve such a fate? We have always been considered a haven for those seeking godly solutions to problems." (In other words, "Give us a break, Joab, we're David's friends.")

Uh-Oh, Sheba Loses His Head

So Joab responds to this brave woman's argument this way:

And Joab answered and said, "Far be it, far be it from me, that I should swallow up or destroy!" (II Samuel 20:20 NKJV)

You've got me wrong, ma'am, this is old peace-lovin' Joab here. Why the very mention of my name speaks peace in the hearts of the people. Uriah who? Oh, him; well, the king insisted. Absalom? Well, he was a troublemaker from the beginning. Amasa? Oh, that guy had to go! He was a security risk. Yes, ma'am, you're lookin' at a man of love, with the symbol of a dove. Yes, ma'am. Why I marched in every peace rally in Jerusalem." Su-u-r-r-e you did, good buddy.

At any rate, Joab goes on to explain his good intentions.

That is not so. But a man from the mountains of Ephraim, Sheba the son of Bichri by name, has raised his hand against the king, against David. Deliver him only, and I will depart from the city." So the woman said to Joab, "Watch, his head will be thrown to you over the wall."

(II Samuel 20:21 NKJV)

Sounds to me like this lady had more between her ears than a pretty smile. Wise counselor that she was, she reasoned that either Sheba loses his head...literally...or her favorite city, a bright tourist attraction because of its many counseling centers, would become a tourist attraction because people would want to come see the ruins of Joab's angry army.

The first alternative seemed to make more sense to her. So she went back into the city counsel with her compadres, and it

seemed to take only a few brief minutes for her to get the city council to reach a unanimous decision. The next verse tells us about it:

Then the woman in her wisdom went to all the people. And they cut off the head of Sheba the son of Bichri, and threw it out to Joab. Then he blew a trumpet, and they withdrew from the city, every man to his tent. So Joab returned to the king at Jerusalem. (II Samuel 20:22 NKJV)

Sheba lost his head; the city lost its problem. No doubt this woman had read Proverbs 22:10:

Cast out the scoffer, and contention will leave; Yes, strife and reproach will cease. (NKJV)

Get rid of the troublemaker and you get rid of the trouble. So she did, and sure enough, it worked. And there are occasions where you and I need to remember that principle.

The story stops there, but no doubt, Joab rode up to the palace, a big grin on his face, Sheba's head under his arm, and the papers prepared in triplicate making him commander-inchief again, ready for the indecisive David to sign. We do not know for sure. What we do know is that there was peace again for a season, and David, a man after God's own heart, was again seated on the throne of Israel.

II- GOD'S PRINCIPLES

Now why would God devote that much space to that story? It is an interesting tale with a happy ending, but that's not the main reason. Remember: These things were written for our admonition. They were given to us as spiritual photographs, slow-developing Polaroid pictures of personal precepts, which when fully arrayed in the depth of their true colors, vividly highlight the realties of living the Christian life. For Israel and Jehovah, remember, are enacting on the stage of history real-life dramas, which, in essence, teach real-life principles. It is to those principles that we must always go, once the story has been told, and the basic truths have risen to the surface of our minds.

This lesson is no exception. Here the underlying issue behind it all is the high cost of conflict in God's community of saints. The sum total of what we will have learned may well boil down to one basic fact: *divided we fall*. That is why Jesus was so emphatic in Matthew 12:25.

But Jesus knew their thoughts, and said to them: "Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and every city or house divided against itself will not stand."

(Matthew 12:25 NKJV)

Divided we fall!

That is why Paul so burned the consequences of unequal yoking into the hearts of the Corinthians in II Corinthians 6. "How can light fellowship with darkness?" he asked. "How can the temple of God coexist with idols? How can Christ be joined to a harlot?" God forbid. You cannot merge light with darkness. No such possibility exists. All you will create is a house divided against itself. Case closed.

But in I Corinthians 1, Paul was dealing with a more subtle kind of divisiveness. It was the divisiveness that occurs when believers stand at odds with one another, thus dividing the body of Christ into pieces, weakening the body until it loses its power. Christians who allow or encourage a divisive spirit to eat its way into the fiber of their fellowship, then, stand to be accountable before God for their part in dividing what God intended to be one. Even in the issue of marriage, God's picture of that unified body, God clearly warns, "What God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.

I believe as we look at the issue of division of God's family or in God's families, we must simply remember a few basic principles that are engraved in Scripture from beginning to end. They are as follows:

1- Satan is the author of division. God is the author of unity.

What this means is that from the beginning, it has been the objective of the enemy to divide in order to conquer. He knows, and so should we, that DIVIDED WE FALL. In other words, there is no basis for real unity apart from Christ, and there is no basis for real division that Satan does not have a part in. If you would like to do an exercise in investigation, take the Old Testament, and reread the stories of the crisis that led to spiritual division and rebellion. Each time the enemy would set a father against his children, a man against his brother, a husband against his wife, the rank and file against God's anointed; or factions within that body would develop and war the one against the other. Satan is the author of division. It is his goal to wreck churches, to wreck marriages, and to wreck Christian friendships by making small

offenses large and incidental things important. Watch for it. He is the culprit. If ever he can get Christians battling against Christians, they can no longer be effective in their battle against him.

<u>2- Division within the church or the home, then, is a *spiritual matter*.</u>

We are not wrestling against flesh and blood, but against principalities and powers; against spiritual wickedness in the heavenlies. Our conflict is not with our neighbors, not with our wives, not with our pastor. They may be the smoke screen the enemy has devised to make us think it is an earthly issue, but division is a spiritual matter.

There is a vicious war going on between Satan and God for control of our lives. When the church is united, and the home is united, he doesn't stand a chance. So he must divide in order to conquer. If he can wreck a marriage, he can ruin at least two lives, usually more, and destroy the testimony of what marriage represents to perhaps hundreds of lives. If he can divide the church, no matter the issue, he has taken the centrality of the focus of the believer's eves off of Calvary and what God has done for us and replaced it with peripheral issues that have little or no eternal value. It isn't your husband who's trying to ruin your marriage. He may be cooperating. But your marriage is a spiritual issue, and it is Satan who is at the source of the conflict. He is the author of confusion, the father of lies, and the source of all division. Mark it. Therefore, any division in your home, in your church, or in your relationships must be dealt with as spiritual problems with spiritual solutions or you may heal the surface and miss the message.

3- Most division results from some form of unholy comparison or unnecessary competition.

The men of Israel were offended because they had been denied the right to walk the king back home. Big deal. They weren't even sure they wanted him back home. The issue was that the men of Judah got to accompany him home; therefore, the others felt that they had been cheated. The Scripture says we dare not compare ourselves with those that commend themselves; for they, measuring themselves by themselves and comparing themselves among themselves are not wise (II Corinthians 10:12). It is a scriptural principle that never fails. Comparisons bring

bitterness. Bitterness brings division.

4- Satan's greatest tool for spreading divisiveness is the demonic activity of murmuring.

Again, nearly every major uprising or conflict in Scripture began in one rotten heart and spread to others using the cancerous carrier of a murmuring tongue. It was so in this passage, and it has been so since the beginning of time. Those who murmur invite division. Stay away from them. If you ARE them, you are a potential time bomb in the body of Christ.

5- The entire issue of division has at its roots one thing... perspective.

The only time believers or mates or friends tear at one another instead of building up one another is when they lose God's perspective. That may sound trite, but it is essential. A day alone with God, or an hour together on your knees with God and those you are at odds with, coming to see the whole of life again from the spiritual vantage point, will heal 99% of the rifts that tear asunder the body of our King.

6- The most effective tool God has given us to regain that perspective is a powerful weapon called prayer.

That is why we are to pray for our enemies. That is why we are to pray for our leaders. That is why we are to pray for our mates. When trouble brews, talk to God about men, not to men about men. Pray for a spirit of unity, a spirit of harmony, a spirit of love. Resist the devil; he will flee from you.

III- OUR RESPONSIBILITY

You and I then, as God's agents of peace, have a responsibility. We are, without exception, called upon to be peacemakers. That means we are to:

- 1- Stop being jealous of what others have or what others have done or what others appear to be. They are not our competition, they are ours for petition; and the two are miles apart.
- 2- Forget the past. You have no right to remember that which God has forgotten. Too many marriages fail because one of the two pretends to forgive, but fails to forget. You cannot do one without the other.
- 3- Stop listening to bad reports and to the counsel of those who tear down authority or criticize those you love. You are entering

into the process of destruction by listening. Simply excuse yourself, or restructure the conversation in terms of whatsoever things are pure; whatsoever things are lovely; whatsoever things are true; whatsoever things are of good report.

4- Remember that no matter what the world may preach, the Word preaches, that divided we fall. We have all heard churches justify fighting by saying that they grew in numbers as a result of a division caused by a fight. THEY may have grown numerically, but the kingdom suffered if that division was the result of offenses or bitterness. That never glorifies God. He may make the best of it, but don't tell me that fighting deacons or fighting churches or fighting Christians ever glorify God. All we can do by dividing is give Satan weaker, smaller enemies to fight. The Body Corporate is invincible. The body divided is headed for a fall.

David recovered, and Israel recovered from this needless conflict because God in His Sovereignty made the best of a bad deal. But two men died in the process; and a nation was divided asunder for a time, a division that later tore God's people into two separate warring factions, and the devil had a field day.

If you are a source of division in your home or in your church or at your job, may God speak to you clearly through this study. It is a luxury the body of Christ cannot afford. Go home today and begin the process of asking forgiveness, of humbling yourself, and of pouring the salve of healing on any wounds you have caused or contributed to.

There is a horrendous enemy out there. He has one avowed purpose: to destroy the body of Christ through division and discord. One thing is for sure...together we will stand and the gates of hell will not prevail against us.

One more thing is for sure. Divided we fall. A house divided against itself can do nothing else. By God's grace, may we stand.

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