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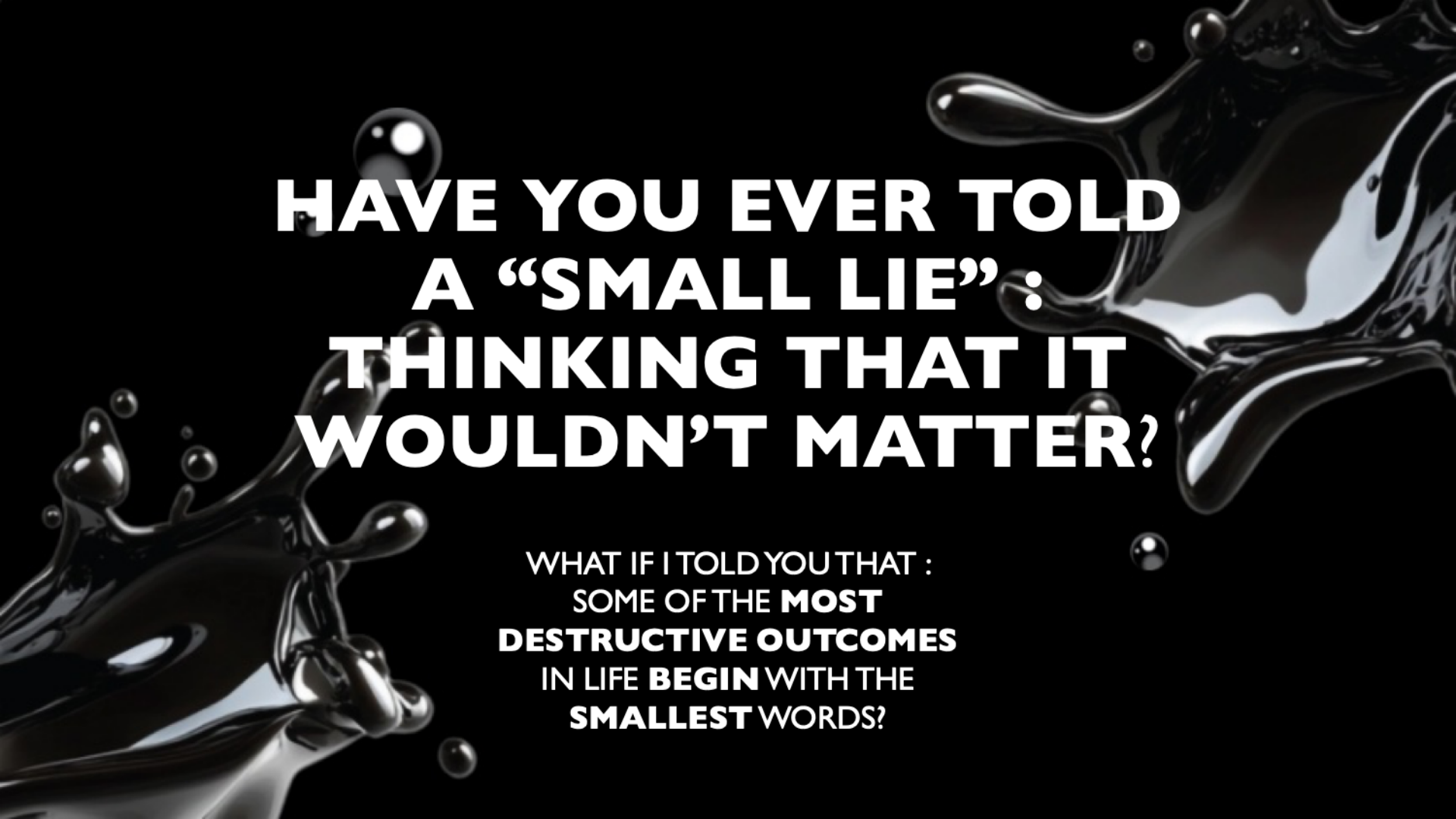
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5 DECEIT AND SLANDER




HAVE YOU EVER TOLD A "SMALL LIE" : THINKING THAT IT WOULDN'T MATTER?
WHAT IF I TOLD YOU THAT : SOME OF THE **MOST DESTRUCTIVE OUTCOMES** IN LIFE **BEGIN** WITH THE **SMALLEST** WORDS?

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DECEIT

= (in Greek, *dolos*) : deceit, guile, treachery (betrayal of trust), craft, a trick, to decoy, to deceive, to lure, to snare, lies, cheat;

What does that mean ?

- Not just lying outright—**but is telling the truth in a twisted way—**
- It is **manipulating**/intentionally **distorting/hiding** part of the truth —to protect yourself or gain something.
- Eg. "*Where are you?*"





SLANDER

= (in Greek, *blasphemia*) : blasphemy, slander, defamation, reviling, evil speaking, switches right for wrong and wrong for right;

What does that mean ?

- It is speaking in a way that tears down rather than builds up.
- It is saying something about someone that damages a person's reputation—whether exaggeration, half-true, or assumed or gossip;
- Slandering is sharing unverified information, a subtle character assassination.





THE STORY OF DAVID, AHIMELECH, DOEG & KING SAUL

I SAMUEL 21-22

What begins as hidden deceit eventually escalate into a public destruction through slander.



#1

DAVID & AHIMELECH :

v1-15

DECEIT IS BORN :

THE FEAR THAT LEADS TO DECEIT

V1-2

*1 Then **David** came to Nob, to **Ahimelech** the priest.*
And Ahimelech came to meet David, trembling, and said
*to him, "**Why** are you alone, and no one with you?"*
***2** And **David** said to Ahimelech the priest, "The king has*
charged me with a matter and said to me, 'Let no one
know anything of the matter about which I send you, and
with which I have charged you.' I have made an
appointment with the young men for such and such a
place.

1Samuel 21:1-2





#1

DAVID & AHIMELECH :

v1-15

DECEIT MULTIPLIES :

IT NEVER STAYS SMALL

V3-9

*3 Now then, **what** do you have on hand? **Give** me five loaves of **bread**, or whatever is here." 4 And the priest answered David, "I have no common bread on hand, but there is holy bread—if the young men have kept themselves from women." 5 And David answered the priest, "Truly women have been kept from us as always when I go on an expedition. The vessels of the young men are holy even when it is an ordinary journey. How much more today will their vessels be holy?" 6 So the priest **gave** him the holy bread, for there was no bread there but the bread of the Presence, which is removed from before the Lord, to be replaced by hot bread on the day it is taken away.*

1 Samuel 21:3-6

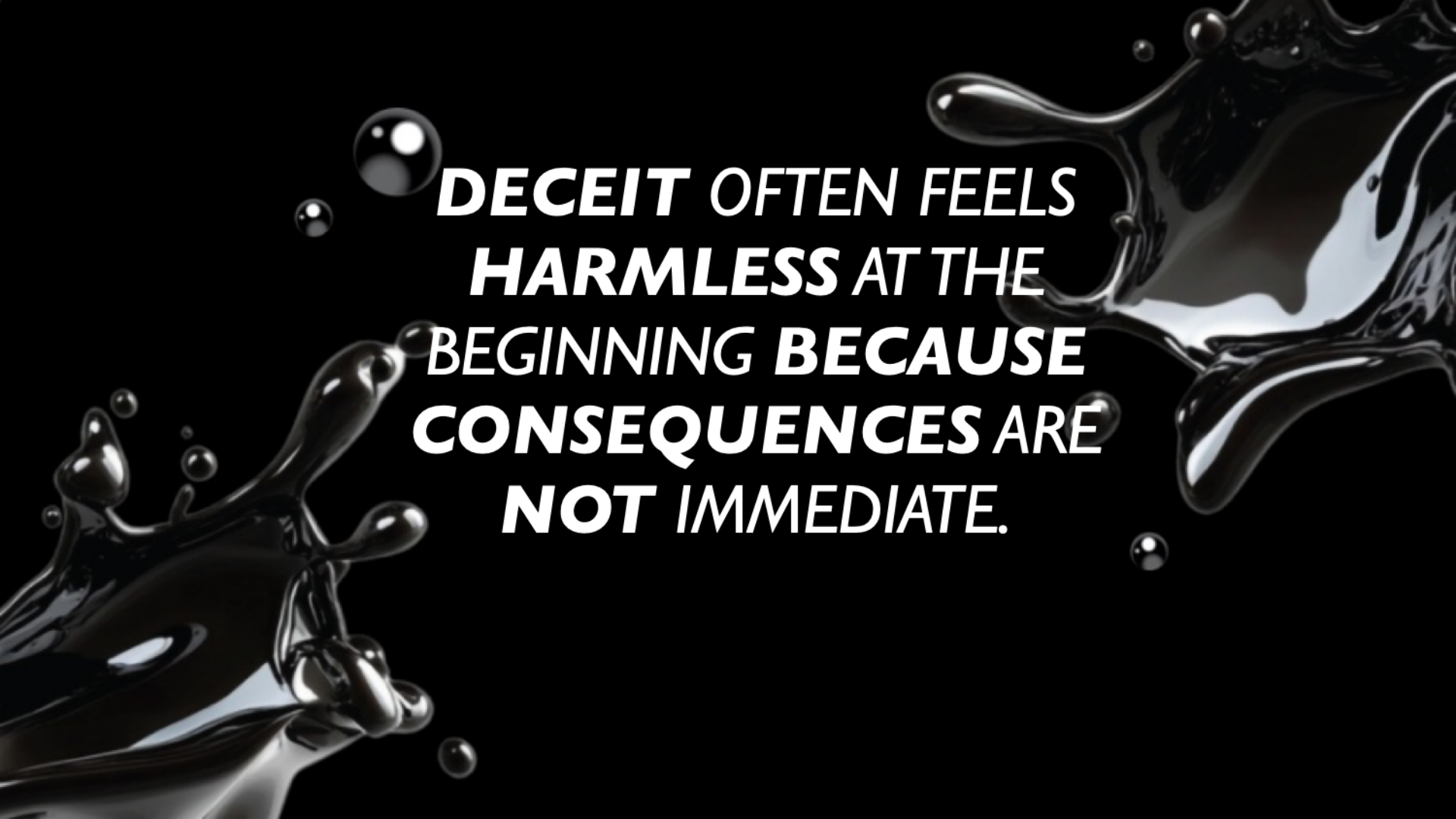




8 *Then* ***David*** *said to Ahimelech, "Then have you not here a spear or a* ***sword*** *at hand? For I have brought neither my sword nor my weapons with me, because the king's business required haste."*
9 *And the* ***priest*** *said, "****The sword*** *of Goliath the Philistine, whom you struck down in the Valley of Elah, behold, it is here wrapped in a cloth behind the ephod. If you will take that, take it, for there is none but that here." And* ***David*** *said, "There is none like that;* ***give*** *it to me."*

1Samuel 21:8-9




DECEIT *OFTEN FEELS*
***HARMLESS** AT THE*
BEGINNING ***BECAUSE***
***CONSEQUENCES** ARE*
***NOT** IMMEDIATE.*



#1

DAVID & AHIMELECH : v1-15

DECEIT LEADS TO CRAZY ACTIONS

v10-15

10 And **David** rose and **fled** that day from Saul
and went to Achish the king of Gath.
11 And the **servants** of Achish said to him, "**Is**
not this David the king of the land? **Did**
they not sing to one another of him in dances,
'Saul has struck down his thousands, and David
his ten thousands'?"
12 And David took these words to heart and was
much afraid of Achish the king of Gath.

1Samuel 21:10-12



13 So he **changed** his behavior
before them and **pretended** to be
insane in their hands and **made**
marks on the doors of the gate
and let his **spittle** run down his
beard. 14 Then **Achish** said to his
servants, "Behold, you see the man
is **mad**. Why then have you brought
him to me? 15 **Do I lack**
madmen, that you have brought
this fellow to behave as a
madman in my presence? Shall
this fellow come into my house?"

1Samuel 21:13-15





#2

DOEG THE EDOMITES WATCHING :

DECEIT IS RECORDED :

YOU ARE CAUGHT ON CAMERA

V7

7 *Now* ***a certain man*** *of the servants of Saul was there that day, detained before the Lord. His name was* ***Doeg the Edomite****, the chief of Saul's herdsmen.*

1Samuel 21:7




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#3

DOEG AND KING SAUL :

SLANDER IS RELEASED

1 Samuel 22: 6-10

6 Now **Saul heard** that David was
discovered, and the men who were with him.
Saul was sitting at Gibeah under the tamarisk tree
on the height with his spear in his hand, and all
his servants were standing about him.
7 And **Saul said** to his servants who stood about
him, "Hear now, people of Benjamin; will the son
of Jesse give every one of you fields and vineyards,
will he make you all commanders of thousands
and commanders of hundreds,…

1 Samuel 22:6-



*8 that all of you have **conspired** against me? No one discloses to me when my son makes a covenant with the son of Jesse. None of you is sorry for me or discloses to me that my son has stirred up my servant **against** me, to lie in wait, as at this day."*
*9 Then **answered Doeg the Edomite**, who stood by the servants of Saul, "**I saw** the son of Jesse coming to Nob, to **Ahimelech** the son of Ahitub, 10 and he **inquired** of the Lord for him and **gave** him provisions and **gave** him the sword of Goliath the Philistine."*

1Samuel 21:8-9





#4

SAUL'S RESPONDS : 22:11-17

DECEIT + SLANDER =
LEADS TO
DESTRUCTION

11 Then **the king sent** to **summon** Ahimelech
the priest, the son of Ahitub, **and all** his father's
house, the priests who were at Nob, **and all** of
them came to the king.
12 And **Saul** said, "Hear now, son of Ahitub." And
he answered, "Here I am, my lord."
13 And **Saul** said to him, "**Why have you**
conspired against me, you and the son of Jesse,
in that you have **given** him bread and a sword
and have **inquired** of God for him, so that he has
risen **against** me, to lie in wait, as at this day?"

1Samuel 21:11-13





*14 Then **Ahimelech** answered the king, "And who among all your servants is so **faithful** as David, who is the king's son-in-law, and **captain** over your bodyguard, and **honored** in your house?*
*15 Is today the first time that I have **inquired** of God for him? No! Let not the king impute anything to his servant or to all the house of my father, for your servant has **known nothing** of all this, much or little."*

1Samuel 21:14-15

16 And **the king said**, "You shall surely die,
Ahimelech, you and all your father's house."
17 And **the king said** to the guard who stood
about him, "Turn and kill the priests of the Lord,
because their hand also is with David, and they
knew that he fled and did not disclose it to me."
But the servants of the king would **not put**
out their hand to strike the priests of the Lord.

1Samuel 21:16-17



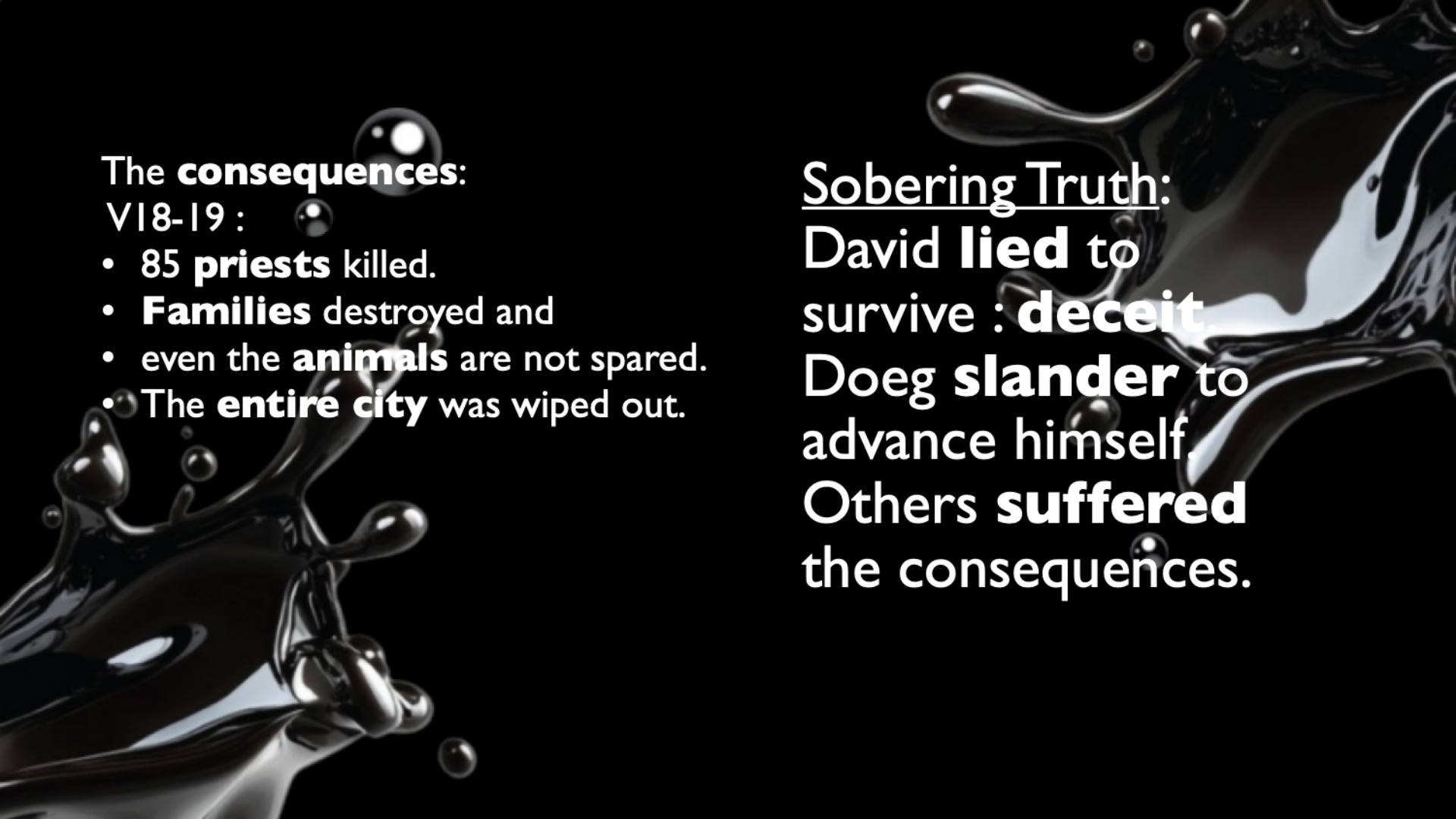


18 Then ***the king said*** *to Doeg, "You turn and strike the priests."*
And Doeg *the Edomite* ***turned*** *and* ***struck*** *down the priests, and he* ***killed*** *on that day eighty-five persons who wore the linen ephod.*
19 And Nob, the city of the priests, he put to the sword; both man and woman, child and infant, ox, donkey and sheep, he put to the sword.

1Samuel 21:18-19

The **consequences**:
V18-19 :

- 85 **priests** killed.
- **Families** destroyed and
- even the **animals** are not spared.
- The **entire city** was wiped out.



Sobering Truth:
David **lied** to survive : **deceit**.
Doeg **slander** to advance himself.
Others **suffered** the consequences.


SIN RARELY STAYS WITH THE PERSON WHO STARTED IT - IT SPREADS TO HARM OTHERS.
What begins as seemingly harmless words from within can end as destruction around us.



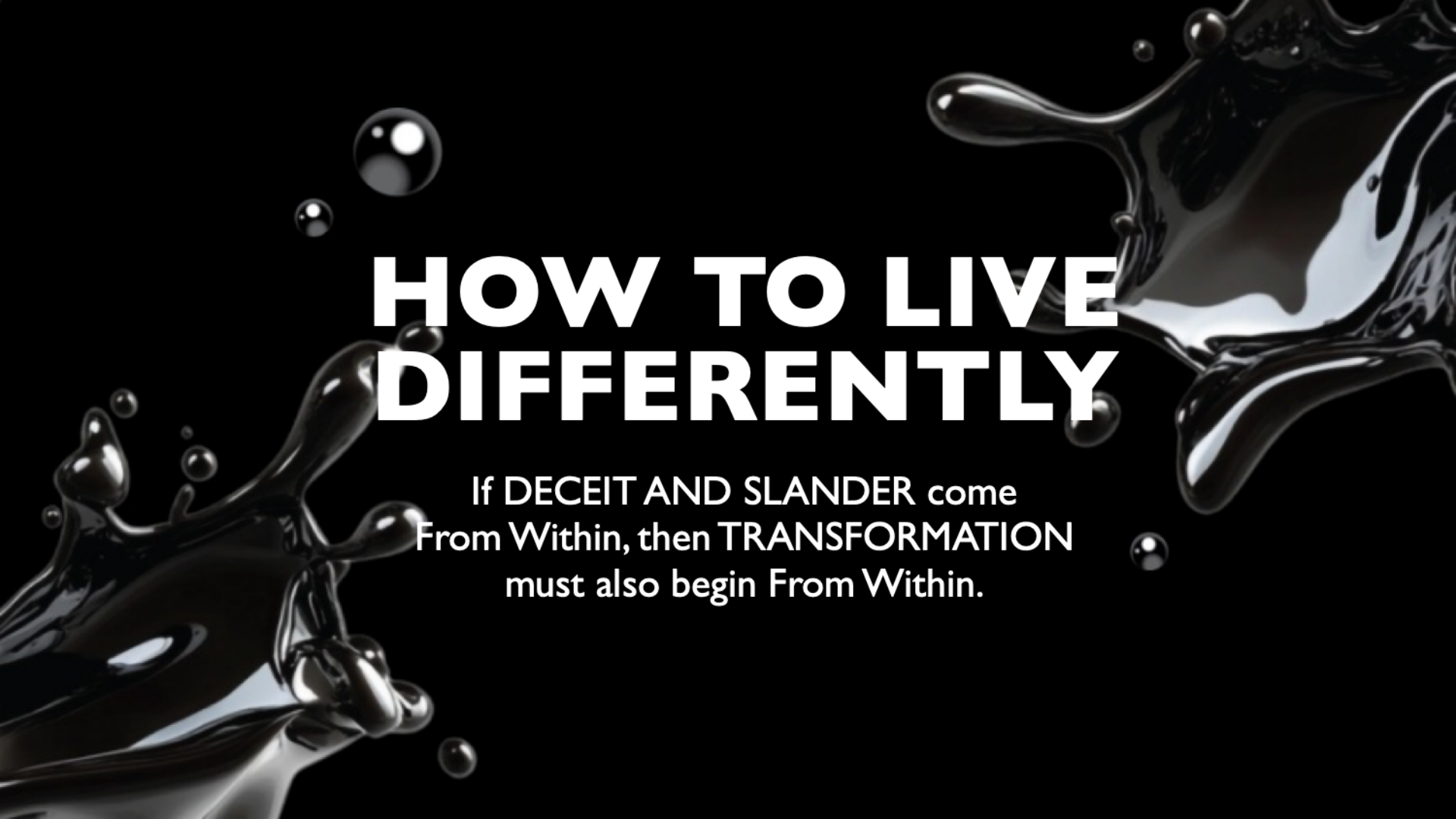
It only takes ONE **spark** in a forests.
It only takes ONE **careless moment**, it can burn the entire forest.

The Heart Connection :

- **David** → Fear → Deceit/to protect himself;
- **Doeg** → Pride → Slander/ harmful speech;
- **Saul** -> Insecurity -> Destruction/innocent lives lost.

DECEIT DESTROYS INTEGRITY,
SLANDER DESTROYS RELATIONSHIPS,
BOTH GRIEVE GOD.

DIFFERENT PEOPLE
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THE **SAME** SOURCE : THE **HEART**


HOW TO LIVE DIFFERENTLY
If DECEIT AND SLANDER come
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HOW TO S.P.E.A.K.?

S : Speak Truthfully	P : Pause Before Speaking	E : Examine Your Motive	A : Affirm Others	K : Keep Integrity
• No Exaggeration; No Manipulation • No Edited Truth; • It is about the honesty of the heart.	• Not every thought/action needs to be said/act. • Maturity is not just knowing what to say BUT knowing when not to say it.	• Why am I saying this/ that? • Am I helping/ harming/ healing/causing more hurting? • If it is not encouraging/ helping… • If your motive…	• Use words to build, encourage, strengthen, NOT break/ tear down; • Words are like seeds : good/ bad : it's always planting.	• Be the same person in public and in private (Online or Offline) • Integrity is when your words match your life.

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APPLICATION QUESTIONS FOR **GROUP** DISCUSSION : 小组讨论应用问题

Q1-Why do you think people tell a lie more easily under pressure?
In other words, in **what** situations are you most tempted to "adjust the truth" or speak about others in a negative way?

Q2-In **what** situations are you most tempted to:

- hide/bend the truth?
- exaggerate or adjust the story about self/others?

And **what** practical steps you can take to overcome it?