David: The Regal Year
Big Enough to Forgive
2 Samuel 16-19

2 Samuel 16:5-8 (NKJV) Now when King David came to Bahurim, there was a man from the family of the house of Saul, whose name was Shimei the son of Gera, coming from there. He came out, cursing continuously as he came. And he threw stones at David and at all the servants of King David. And all the people and all the mighty men were on his right hand and on his left. Also Shimei said thus when he cursed: "Come out! Come out! You bloodthirsty man, you rogue! The LORD has brought upon you all the blood of the house of Saul, in whose place you have reigned; and the LORD has delivered the kingdom into the hand of Absalom your son. So now you are caught in your own evil, because you are a bloodthirsty man!"

I. Control Your Response
- **A. Resist Retaliation - 2 Samuel 16:9**
- **B. Refuse Offence - 2 Samuel 16:10**
- **C. Remember God - 2 Samuel 16:12**

II. Consider Your Offender
- **A. Evaluate the Person**
- **B. Extend Grace - Luke 23:34**
- **C. End the Cycle**

III. Contemplate Your Forgiveness
- **A. Recall Your Failure - 2 Samuel 19:18-23**
- **B. Rehearse God's Forgiveness - Psalms 40:1-2, 12**
- **C. Release the Offence**

IV. Cultivating Forgiveness
- **A. Thicken Your Skin**
  - **i. Take the Hit - Proverbs 19:11**
  - **ii. Tame the Tongue - James 1:19-20**
  - **iii. Trust the Lord - Romans 12:19**
- **B. Turn Your Heart - Colossians 3:12-13**
  - **i. Empathise with Others**
  - **ii. Extend Grace**
  - **iii. End the Cycle**
- **C. Think Grace - Ephesians 4:7**
  - **i. Remember Your Sin**
  - **ii. Remember Your Saviour**
  - **iii. Release Your Offender**

Conclusion
Am I controlling my response—or allowing someone else's behaviour to control me?
Am I considering the person—or only remembering the offence?
Am I remembering how much God has forgiven me?