

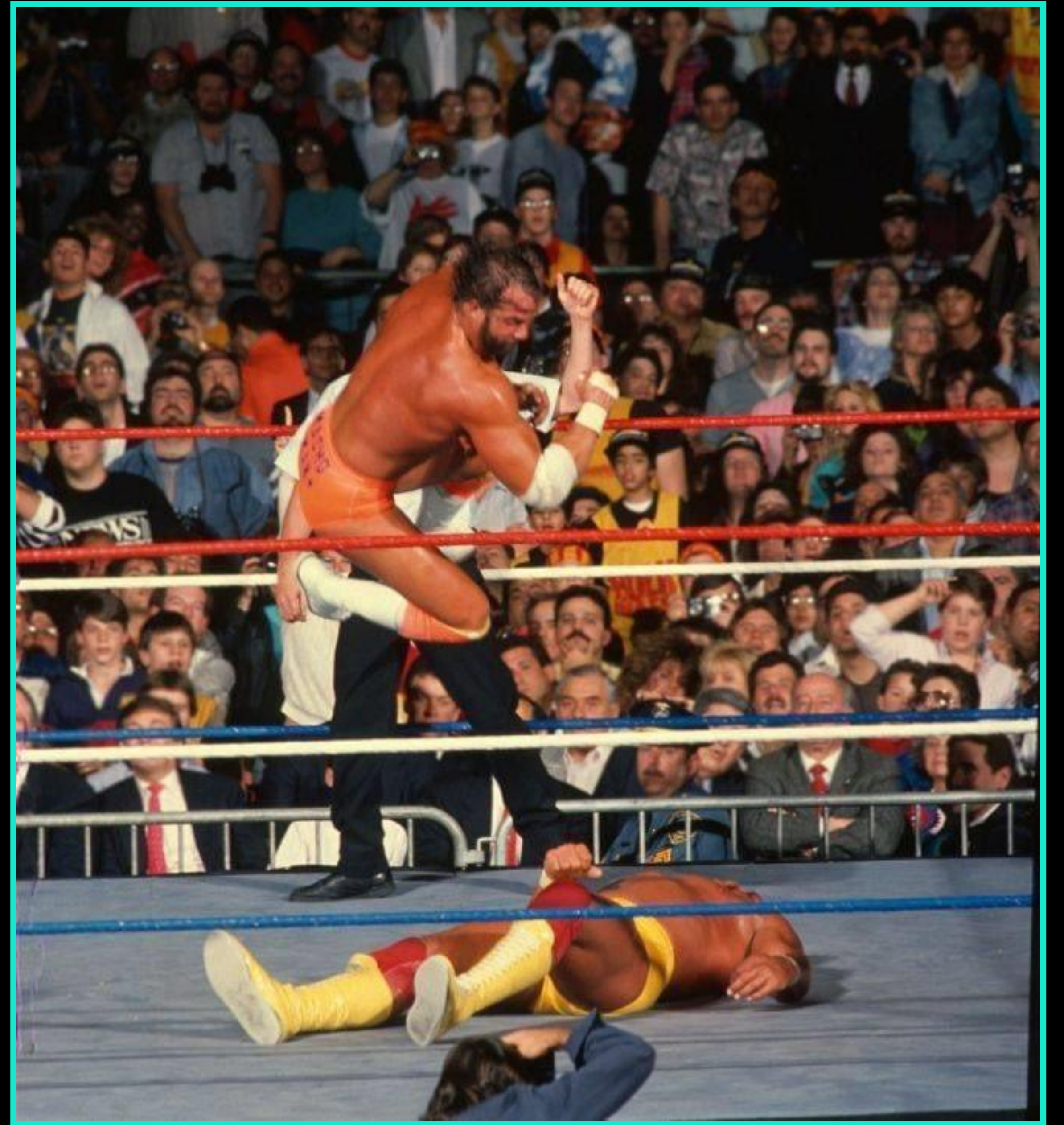
# Cultivating Courageous Companionship

# The Mega Powers!





Now rivals!





But now FRIENDS  
again!





**Bad guys  
celebrate, Hogan  
lies still....**





“Savage” Friendship



Bad Guy

Bad Guy

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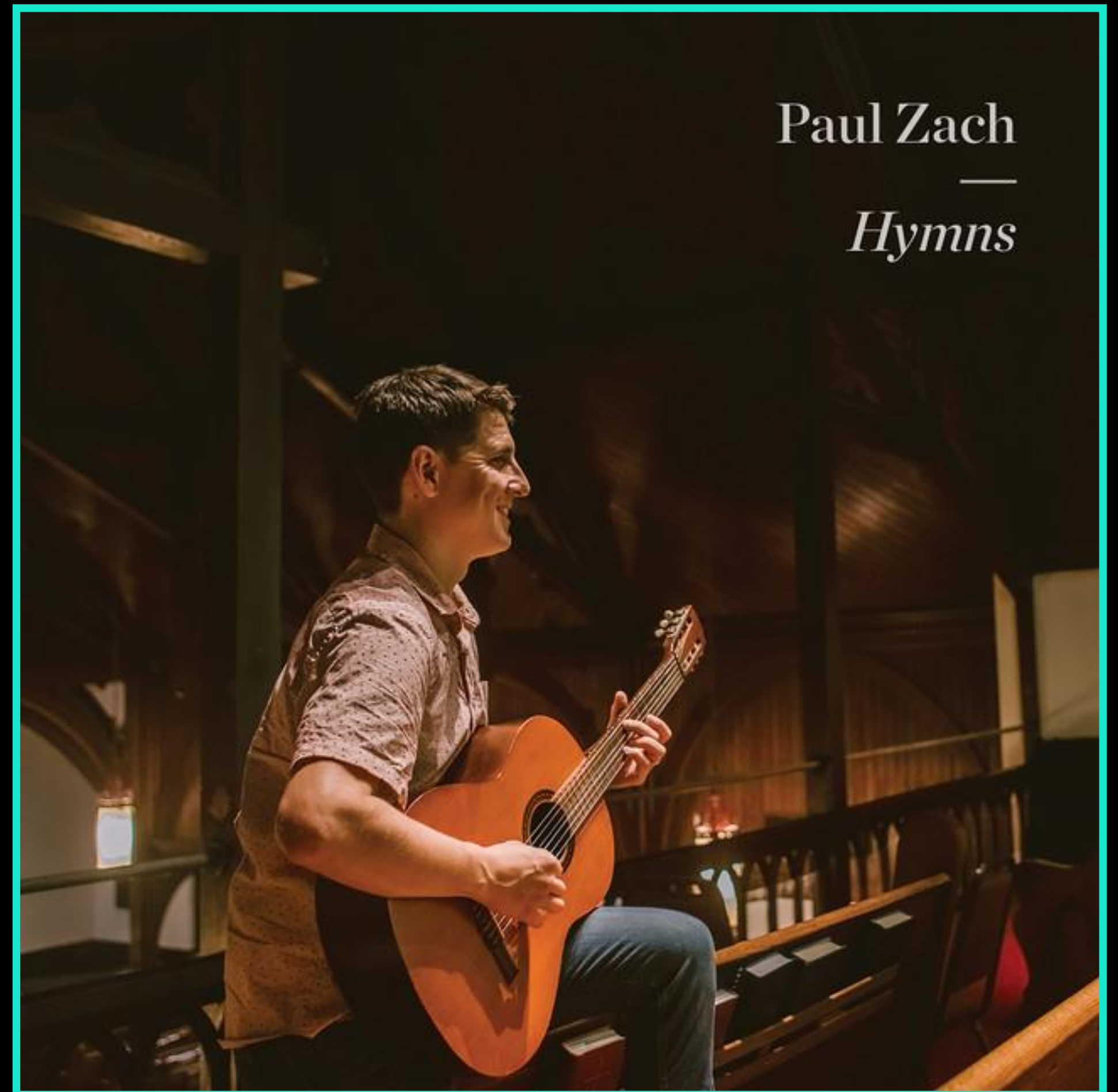


# Content Recommendation:

Song: “No, Not One”

Artist: Paul Zach &  
The Sing Team

Album: Hymns



**Prepare With Prudence**



# What's Been Happening?

- King **Saul** is having **some success**
- **David** takes out Goliath and gains **popularity**
- Saul grows increasingly **jealous**

Now **Saul** told Jonathan his son and all his servants to put David to **death**.

But Jonathan, Saul's son, greatly **delighted** in David.

So Jonathan **told** David saying,

“Saul my father is seeking to put you to death.

Now therefore, please be **on guard** in the morning.....



.....and stay in a **secret** place and hide yourself.

I will **go out** and stand beside my father in the field where you are,

And I will **speak** with my father about you; if I find anything, then I will tell you.”

# Prudence:

- To be **wise** in practical affairs
- Take **caution** or discretion in **future** events
- Use **care** in the management of **resources**
- Good **judgement** in looking ahead



## A. He Recognizes Real Danger

“Now Saul told Jonathan and all his servants to put David to death.”

### James 3:16

For where **jealousy** and **selfish** ambition exist, there is **disorder** and every evil thing.

## B. He Plans With Purpose

“So Jonathan told David saying, ‘Saul my father is seeking to put you to death. Now...**stay** in a **secret** place.....’”

### Proverbs 17:17

A friend loves at **all times**, and a brother is born for adversity.



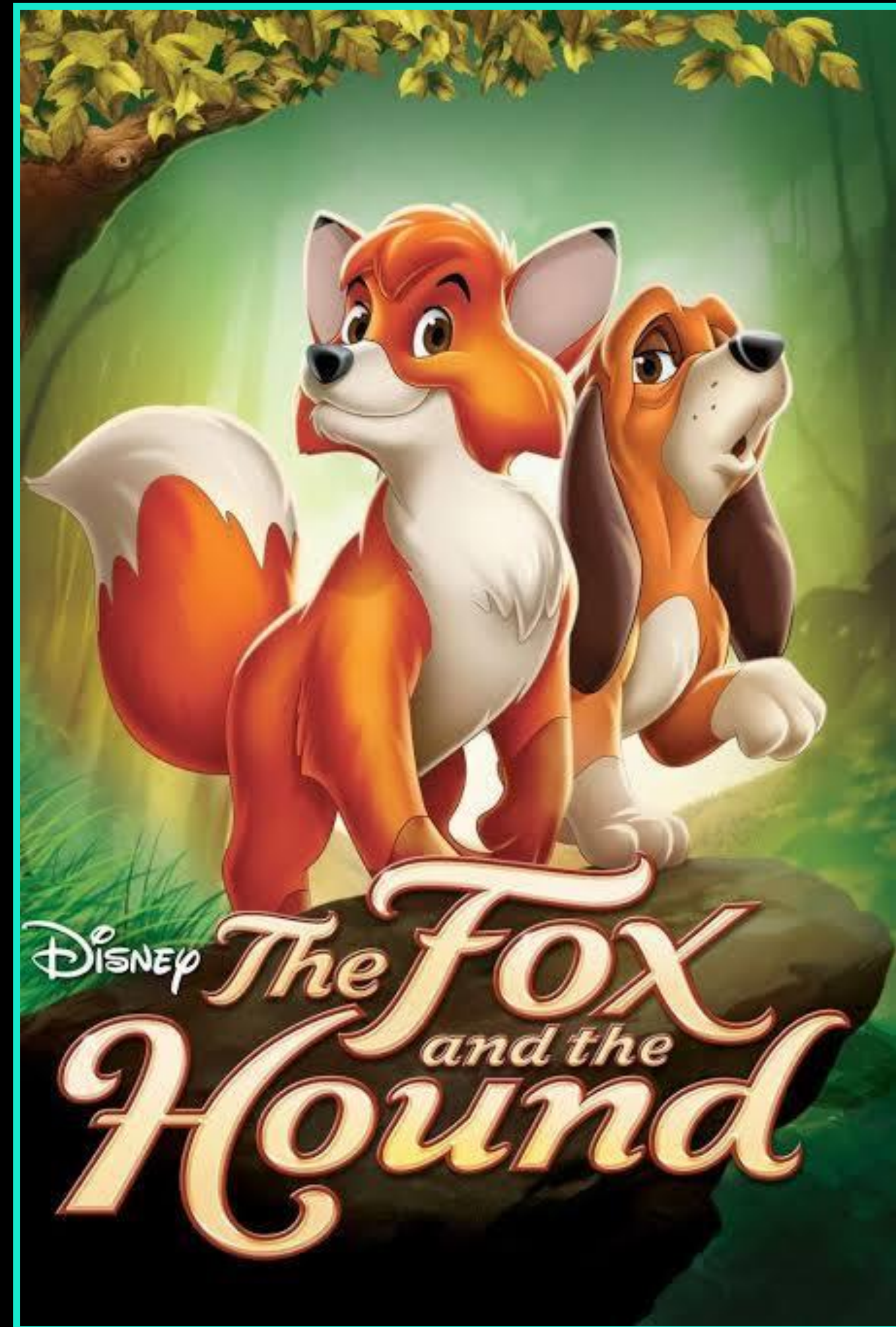
## C. He Personally Puts In Work

“I will go out...I will **spea**k...I will **te**ll you...”

### Hebrews 6:10

For God is not unjust as to forget **your work** which you have shown toward **His name**, in having ministered...to the saints.

Once best friends...





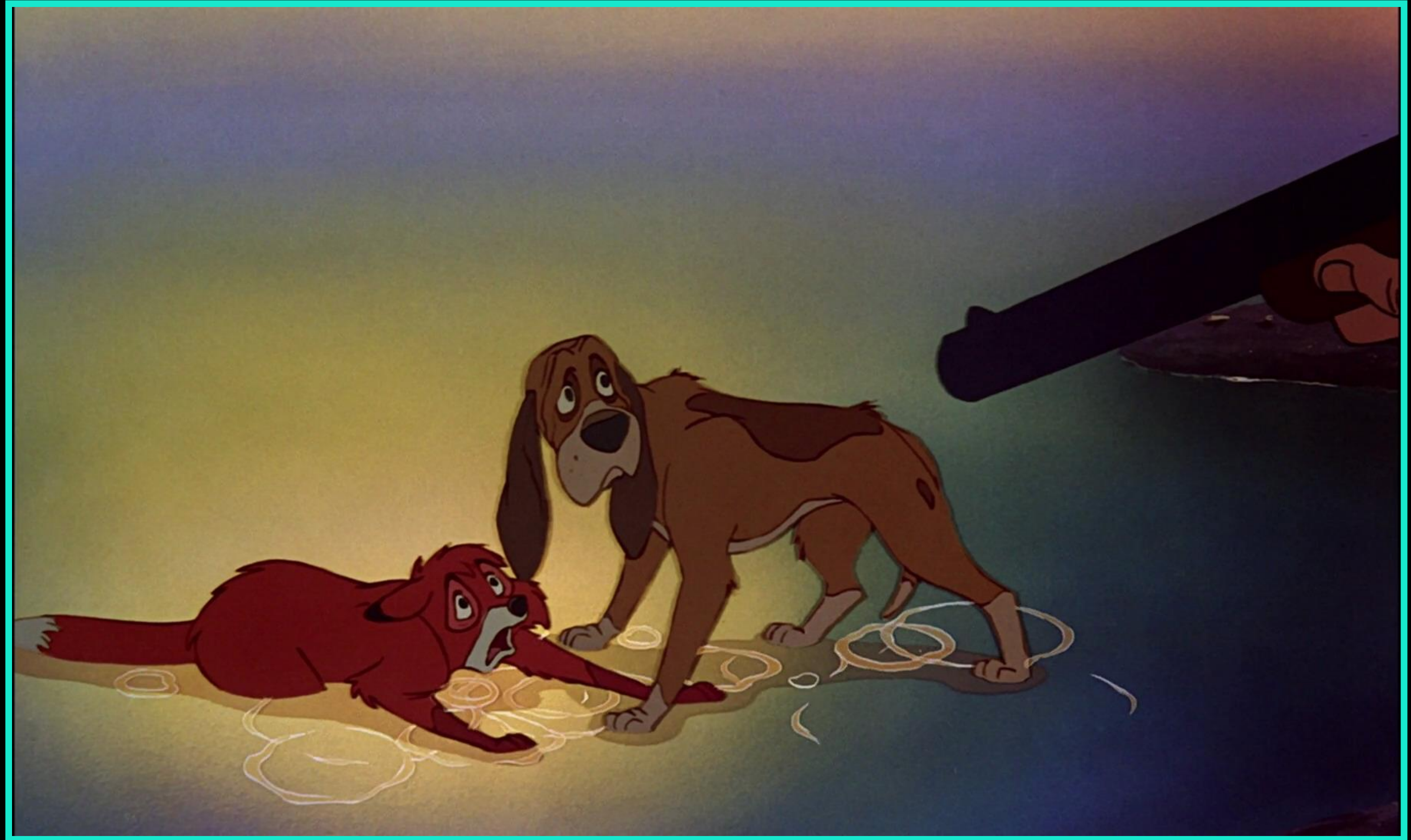
Now enemies...

But Todd **saves**  
Copper





# Copper saves Todd





When you see **danger** ahead, plan to get personally **involved** where you can.

Be a courageous companion who prepares with **prudence**.

## Questions To Consider:

Is there **danger** around one of my friends?

Am I **praying** fervently and **supporting** them as best I can?

Where do I have **opportunities** to plan and get personally involved? How can I exhibit the **love** of Jesus to my friends?

**Persuade With Poise**



Then Jonathan spoke **well** of David to Saul his father and said to him,

“Do not let the king **sin** against his servant David, since he **has not** sinned against you,

And since his deeds have been very **beneficial** to you.

For he took his life in his hand.....

...and struck the Philistine, and the **Lord** brought about a great **deliverance** for all Israel;

You saw it and **rejoiced**.

Why then will you **sin** against innocent blood by putting David to death without a cause?"

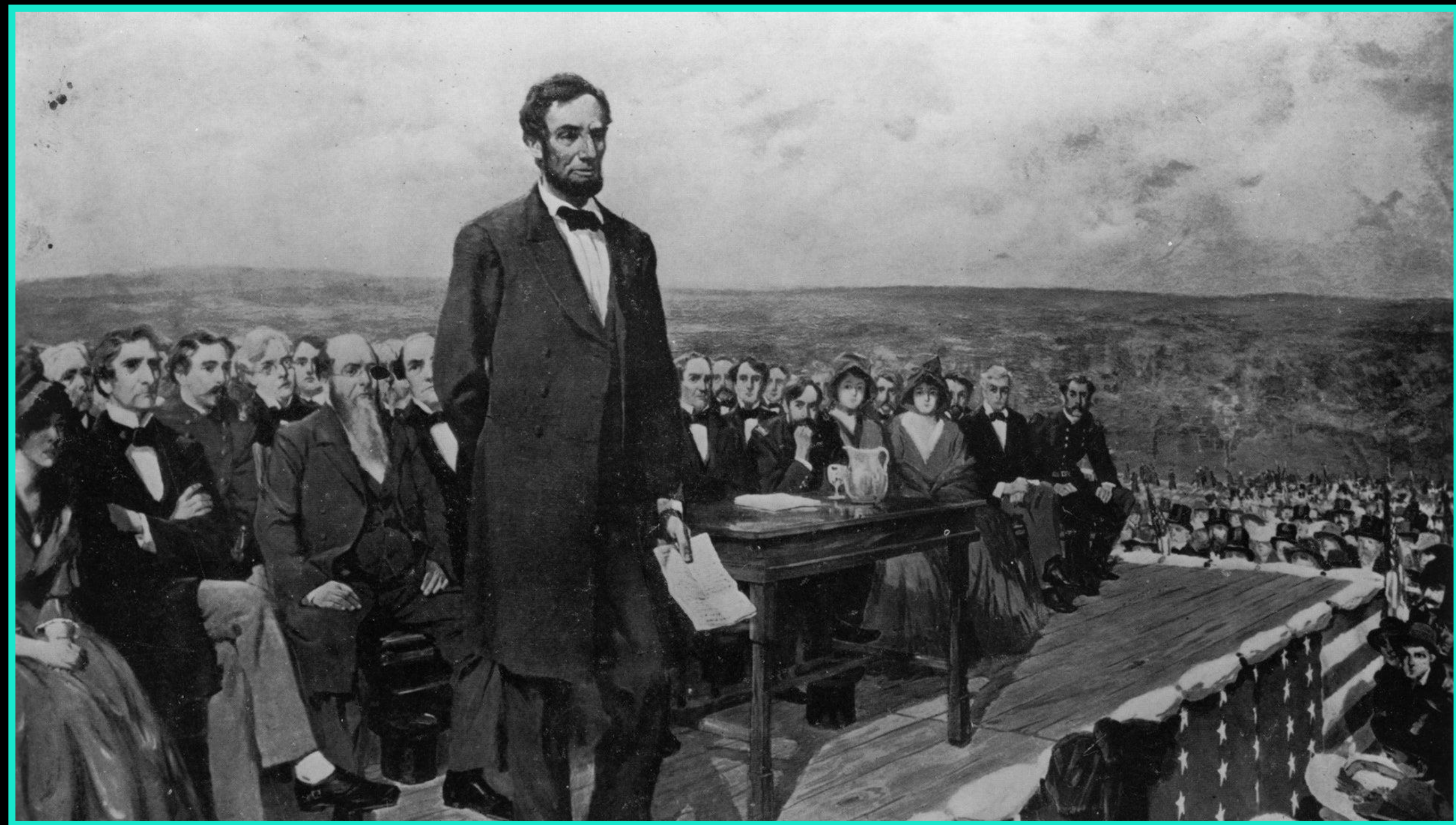
# Poise:

- Having **composure** in a tense situation
- Steadiness
- **Self-controlled** state of mind
- Maintaining calmness and **coolness**



November 19, 1863

# The Gettysburg Address



## A. He Warns of Sin

“Do not let the king **sin** against his servant David.”

### Proverbs 27:5-6

Better is an open **rebuke** than love that is concealed. Faithful are the wounds of a **friend**, but **deceitful** are the kisses of an enemy.



## B. He Recalls God's Greatness

“...and the Lord brought about a great deliverance for all Israel; you saw it and rejoiced”

### Psalm 103:2

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget none of His benefits.



## C. He Asks Appropriate Questions

“Why then will you **sin** against innocent blood by putting David to **death** without a cause?”

### Galatians 6:1

Brethren, even if anyone is **caught** in a trespass, you who are spiritual, **restore** such a one in a spirit of **gentleness**.

A courageous companion helps you to see situations more clearly by: **warning of sin, reminding of God's greatness, and asking good questions.**

## Questions To Consider:

Life can be extremely busy- but Jonathan makes time to be **persuasive** for his friend **and** for his dad. Am I staying open to **opportunities** the Holy Spirit can provide?

Am I more prone to **ignore** problems and hope they go away or **push it** to the limit and demand outcomes? How can I operate in a “spirit of **gentleness**” working for good?



**Protect With Peace**

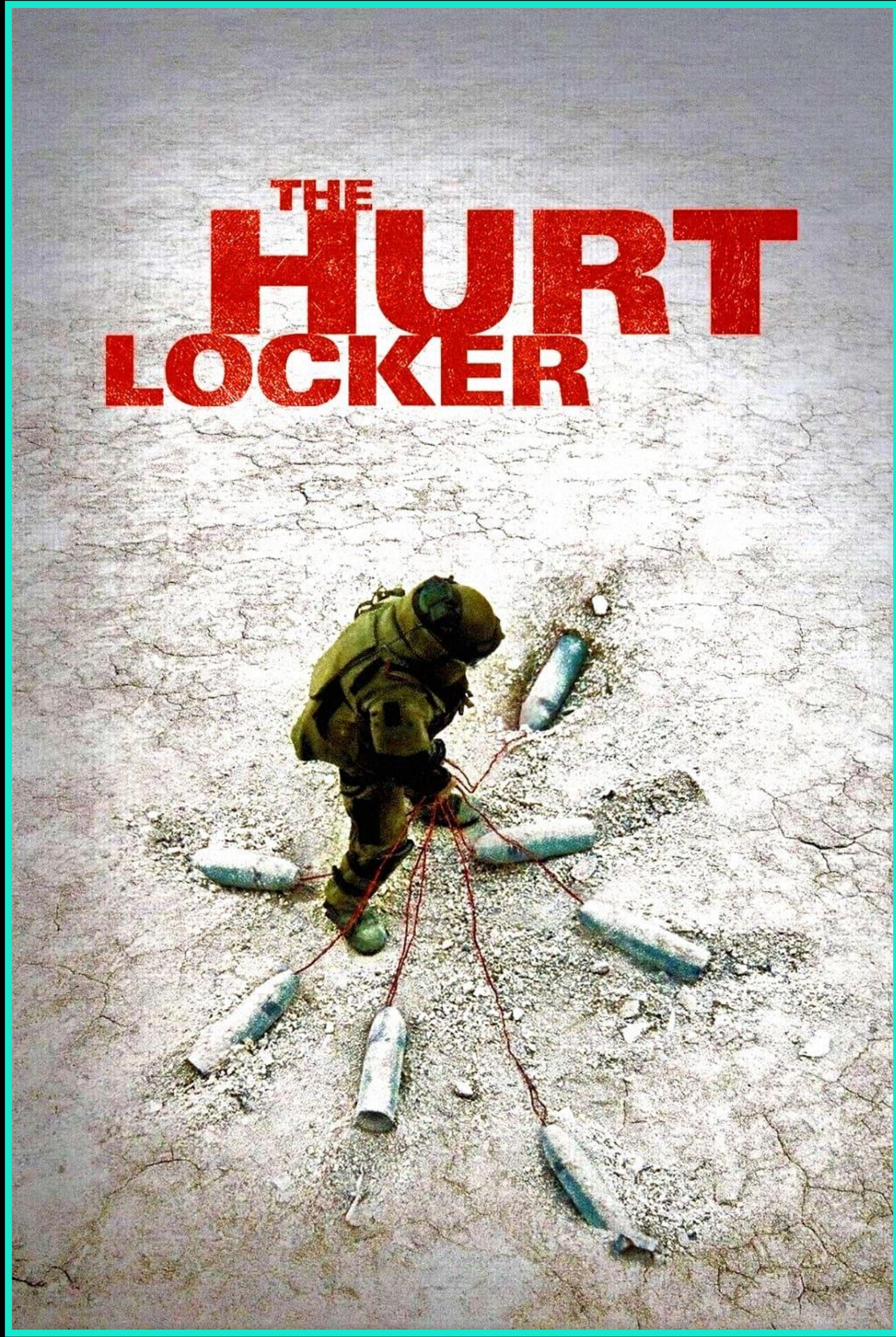
**Saul listened** to the voices of Jonathan, and Saul vowed,

**“As the Lord lives, he shall not be put to death.”**

Then Jonathan **called** David, and Jonathan told him all these words. And Jonathan **brought** David to Saul, and he was in his presence as formerly.



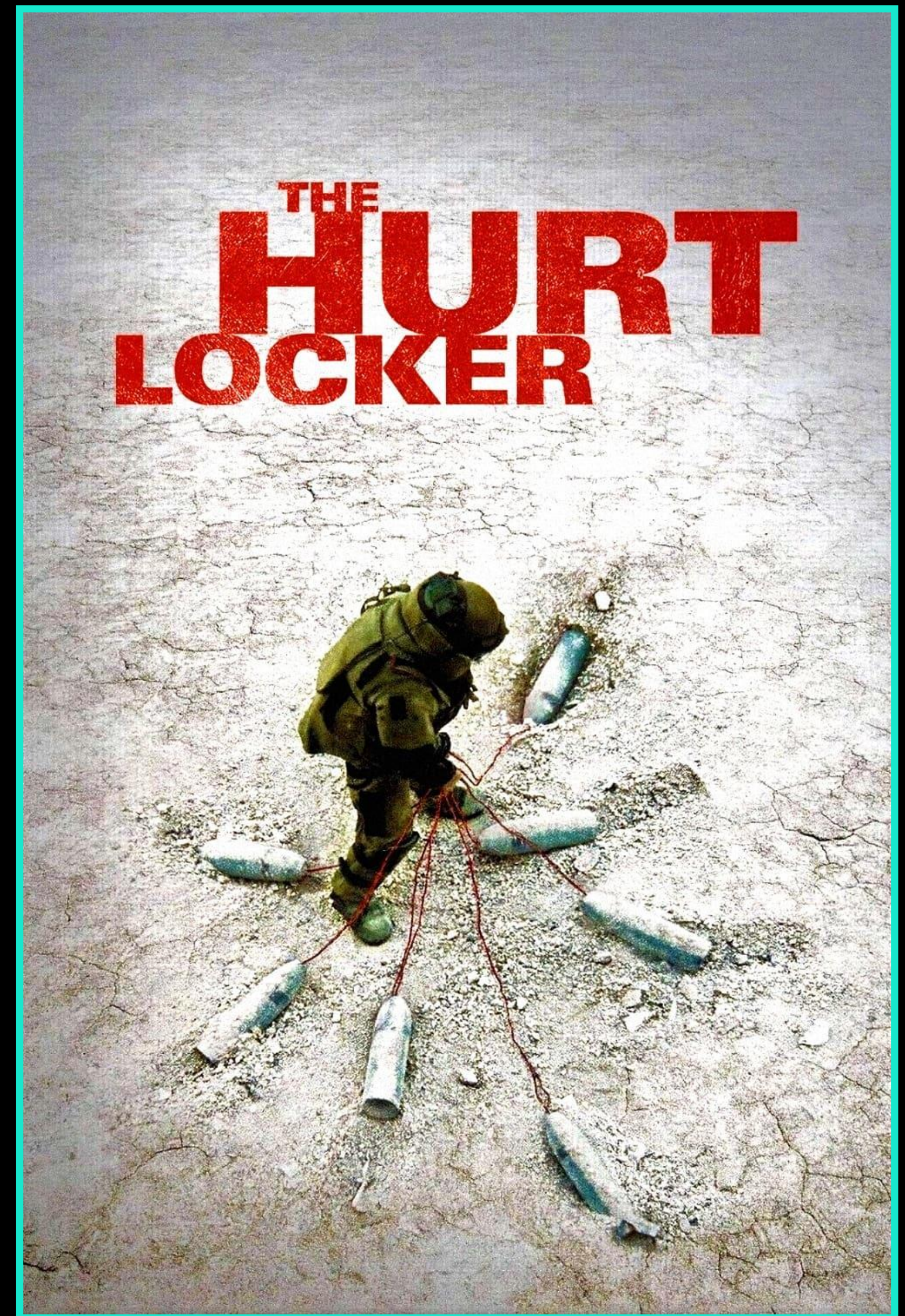
THE  
**HURT**  
**LOCKER**





## 2 Corinthians 5:18

Now all these things are from God who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation.





## A. He Gives People (And God) Room To Act

“Saul listened”..... (KJV) “Saul harkened”

### Proverbs 15:18

A hot-tempered man **stirs** up strife, but the slow to anger **calms** a dispute.

## B. He Finishes The Job

“Then Jonathan **called** David....”

### 2 Corinthians 8:11

But now **finish** doing it also, so that just as there was the readiness to **desire** it, so there may be also the **completion** of it by your ability.



## C. He Reflects The Savior

“Jonathan brought David to Saul...”

1 Corinthians 11:1

Be imitators of me, just as I also am of Christ.

# The Gospel of 1 Samuel 19, part 1

Jonathan, the **son** of a powerful **king**, lovingly **intercedes** on behalf of his friend. David's life is **spared** for a moment because of the courageous **companionship** of Jonathan.

## The Gospel of 1 Samuel 19, part 2

Jesus, the Son of the most **powerful King**, lovingly **intercedes** on behalf of His **enemies**.

Sinners lives and **eternities** are changed **forever** because of the courageous companionship of **Jesus**.



# Questions To Consider:

Where are the relationship “**bombs**” around me?  
Have I **identified** the situations that need my prayer and peace-making? How can I do my part to **diffuse** with **grace**?

Have I **recognized** what Christ has done for me - have I **cherished** the Gospel and joined God’s family? How can I **reflect** this to others?

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# The Macho Man & Slim Jims





# The Boring Rehearsal Of Romeo & Juliet





**“Art Thou  
Bored??”**



**Our world today...**





**Art Thou Lonely Or Isolated?**

**Go to Jesus Christ and receive His  
friendship in your life.**

## “No, Not One” Lyrics

No friend like Him is so **high and holy** -

No, not one! No, not one!

And yet no friend is so **mEEK and lowly** -

No, not one! No, not one!



## “No, Not One” Lyrics

Jesus knows all about our **struggles**,  
He will **guide** till the day is done;  
There's not a friend like the **lowly** Jesus-  
No, not one! No, not one!

Receive the **friendship of Christ**  
then **extend** it where He leads.

