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# **Wilderness Survival Skills**





# FACING YOUR GIANTS



I. The Cause of the Wilderness:

# Disconnections



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Saul Took David's Position...

Finally, Saul banned  
him from his presence,  
(1 Samuel 18:13)

Saul Took David's People...

"I had to," she lied. "He threatened to kill me if I didn't help him."

(Samuel 19:17, TLB)



Saul Took David's People...

"Take note, David is  
at Naioth in Ramah!"

(Samuel 19:19)

# Saul Took David's People...

At last Jonathan said to David, "Go in peace, for we have made a pact in the LORD's name. We have entrusted each other and each other's children into the LORD's hands forever." Then David left, and Jonathan returned to the city.

(Samuel 20:42, NLT)



**II. The Consequences of the  
Wilderness:**

**Lies & Bizarre  
Behavior**



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So David escaped from Saul and went to King Achish of Gath. But Achish's officers weren't happy about his being there. "Isn't this David, the king of the land?" they asked. "Isn't he the one the people honor with dances, singing, `Saul has killed his thousands, and David his ten thousands'?"

(1 Samuel 21:10- 22:1)

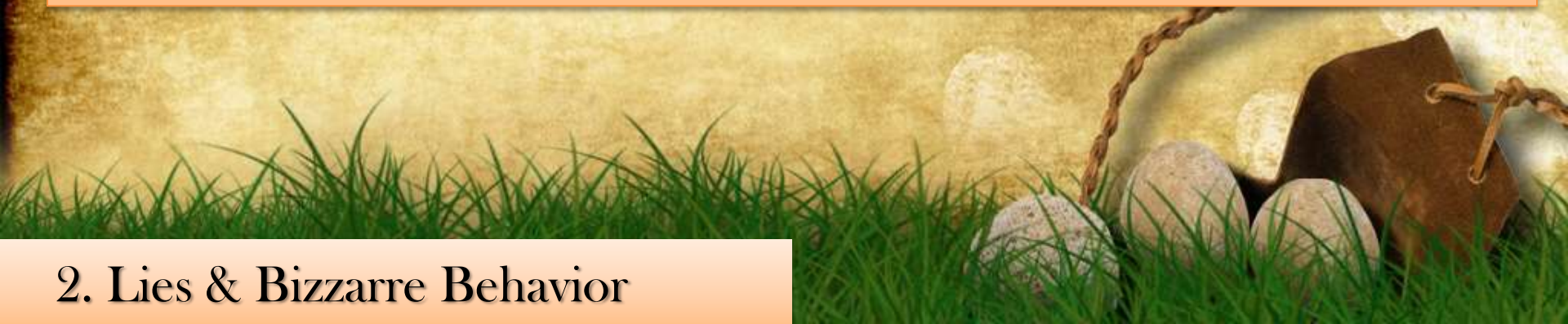


David heard these comments and was afraid of what King Achish might do to him. So he pretended to be insane, scratching on doors and drooling down his beard.

(1 Samuel 21:10- 22:1)

Finally, King Achish said to his men,  
"Must you bring me a madman? We  
already have enough of them around  
here! Why should I let someone like this  
be my guest?" So David left Gath and  
escaped to the cave of Adullam.

(1 Samuel 21:10- 22:1)







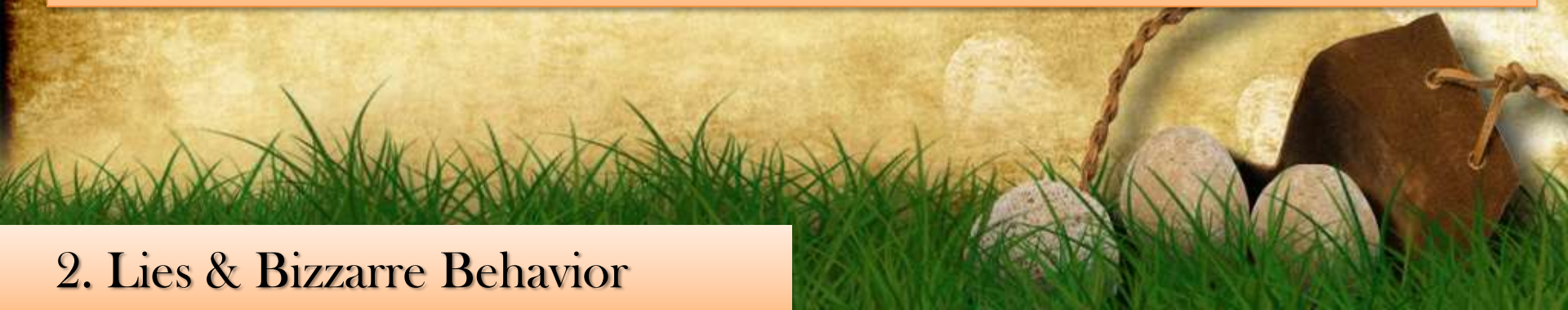
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“The Philistines believed insane people were possessed by evil spirits that made husbands impotent, women barren, children die, and animals vomit. Fearing that every drop of blood from the mentally ill created one more demon, the Philistines would not harm them but rather drove them out of town.’

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2. Lies & Bizarre Behavior





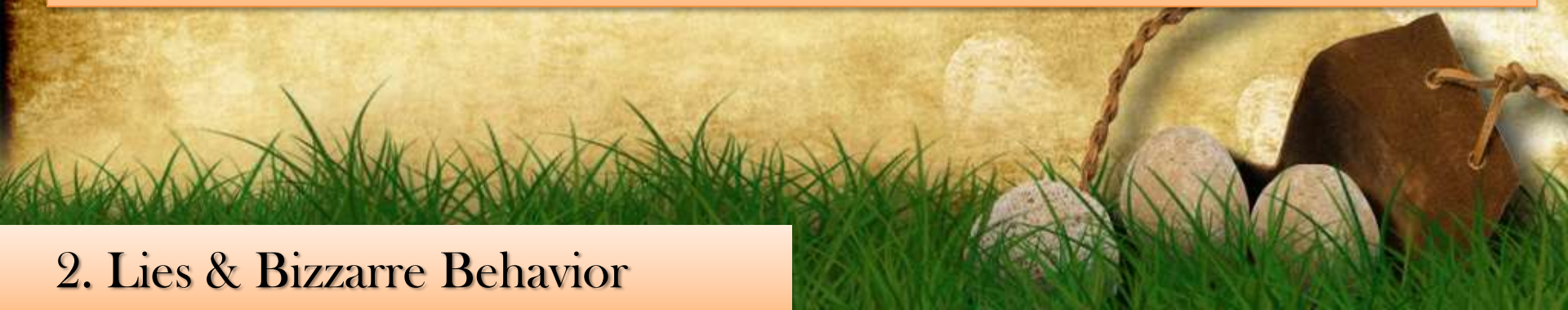
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- 3) Are you spending time in Gath; a place where you know you don't belong?





# III. David's Wilderness Survival Strategy...



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# *Psalm 57...*

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Have mercy on me, my God,  
have mercy on me, for in you I  
take refuge. I will take refuge in  
the shadow of your wings until the  
disaster has passed.

(Psalm 57:1)

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"You'll never know that  
Jesus is all you need  
until Jesus is all you  
have."



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Then others began coming-men who were in trouble or in debt or who were just discontented-until David was the leader of 400 men.

(1Samuel 22:1-2 NLT)



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Take a good look, friends, at who you were when you got called into this life. I don't see many of "the brightest and the best" among you, not many influential, not many from high-society families.

(1 Cor. 1:26-30 MSG)



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Isn't it obvious that God deliberately chose men and women that the culture overlooks and exploits and abuses, chose these "nobodies" to expose the hollow pretensions of the "somebodies"? That makes it quite clear that none of you can get by with blowing your own horn before God.

(1 Cor. 1:26-30 MSG)



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Everything that we have—right thinking and right living, a clean slate and a fresh start—comes from God by way of Jesus Christ.

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"they came to David day  
by day to help him, until it  
was a great army; like the  
army of God"

(I Chron. 12:22)



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