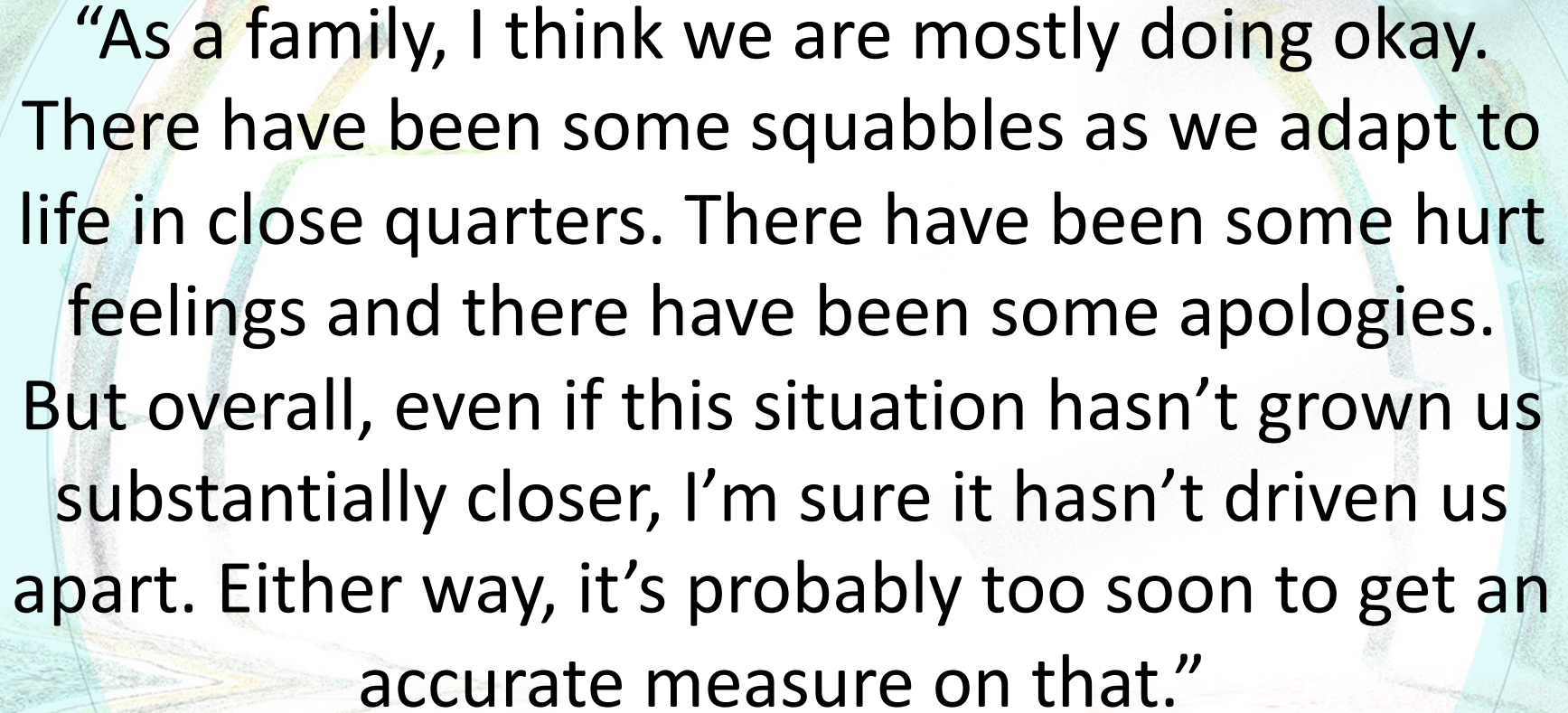


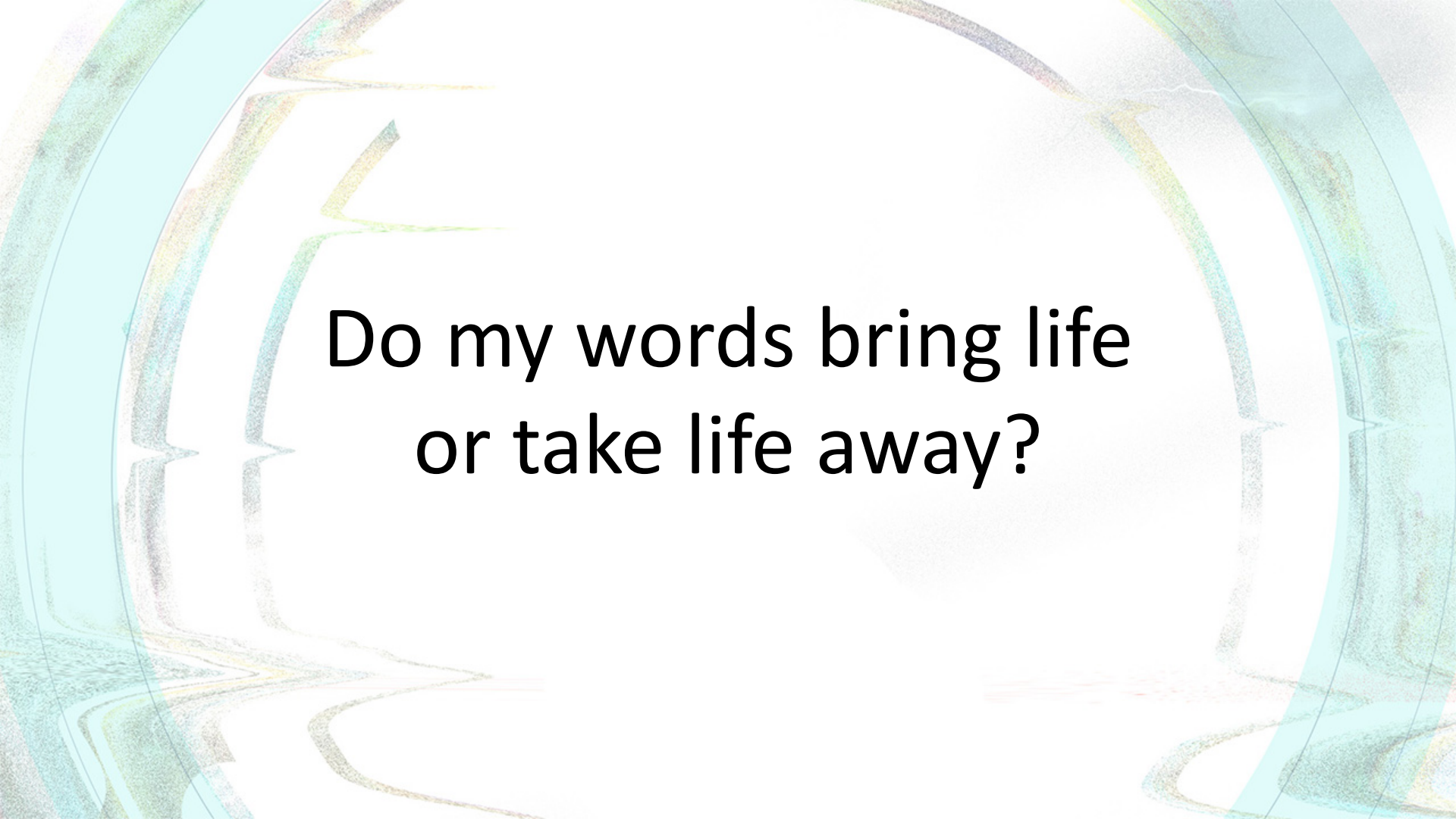


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“As a family, I think we are mostly doing okay. There have been some squabbles as we adapt to life in close quarters. There have been some hurt feelings and there have been some apologies. But overall, even if this situation hasn’t grown us substantially closer, I’m sure it hasn’t driven us apart. Either way, it’s probably too soon to get an accurate measure on that.”



**Do my words bring life
or take life away?**



Proverbs 18:21

The tongue has the power of life and death, and those who love it will eat its fruit.

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David: The care-taker

1 Samuel 25:5-9

So [David] sent ten young men and said to them, "Go up to Nabal at Carmel and greet him in my name. Say to him: 'Long life to you! Good health to you and your household! And good health to all that is yours!'" "Now I hear that it is sheep-shearing time. When your shepherds were with us, we did not mistreat them, and the whole time they were at Carmel nothing of theirs was missing.

1 Samuel 25:5-9

Ask your own servants and they will tell you. Therefore be favorable toward my young men, since we come at a festive time. Please give your servants and your son David whatever you can find for them.'" When David's men arrived, they gave Nabal this message in David's name. Then they waited.



David: The care-taker

Nabal: The **trouble-maker**

1 Samuel 25:10-11

“Who is this fellow David?” Nabal sneered to the young men. “Who does this son of Jesse think he is? There are lots of servants these days who run away from their masters. Should I take my bread and my water and my meat that I’ve slaughtered for my shearers and give it to a band of outlaws who come from who knows where?” (NLT)

1 Samuel 25:25a

“Nabal is a wicked and ill-tempered man; please don't pay any attention to him. He is a fool, just as his name suggests.”

1 Samuel 25:12-13

David's men turned around and went back. When they arrived, they reported every word. David said to his men, "Put on your swords!" So they put on their swords, and David put on his. About four hundred men went up with David, while two hundred stayed with the supplies.

1 Samuel 25:21-22

David had just said, "It's been useless—all my watching over this fellow's property in the desert so that nothing of his was missing. He has paid me back evil for good. May God deal with David, be it ever so severely, if by morning I leave alive one male of all who belong to him!"



David: The care-taker &
the **impulsive avenger**



David: The **care-taker**

Nabal: The **trouble-maker**

A Servant: The **wise informer**

1 Samuel 25:14,17

One of the servants told Nabal's wife Abigail:
"David sent messengers from the desert to give our master his greetings, but he hurled insults at them. Now think it over and see what you can do, because disaster is hanging over our master and his whole household. He is such a wicked man that no one can talk to him."



David: The **care-taker**

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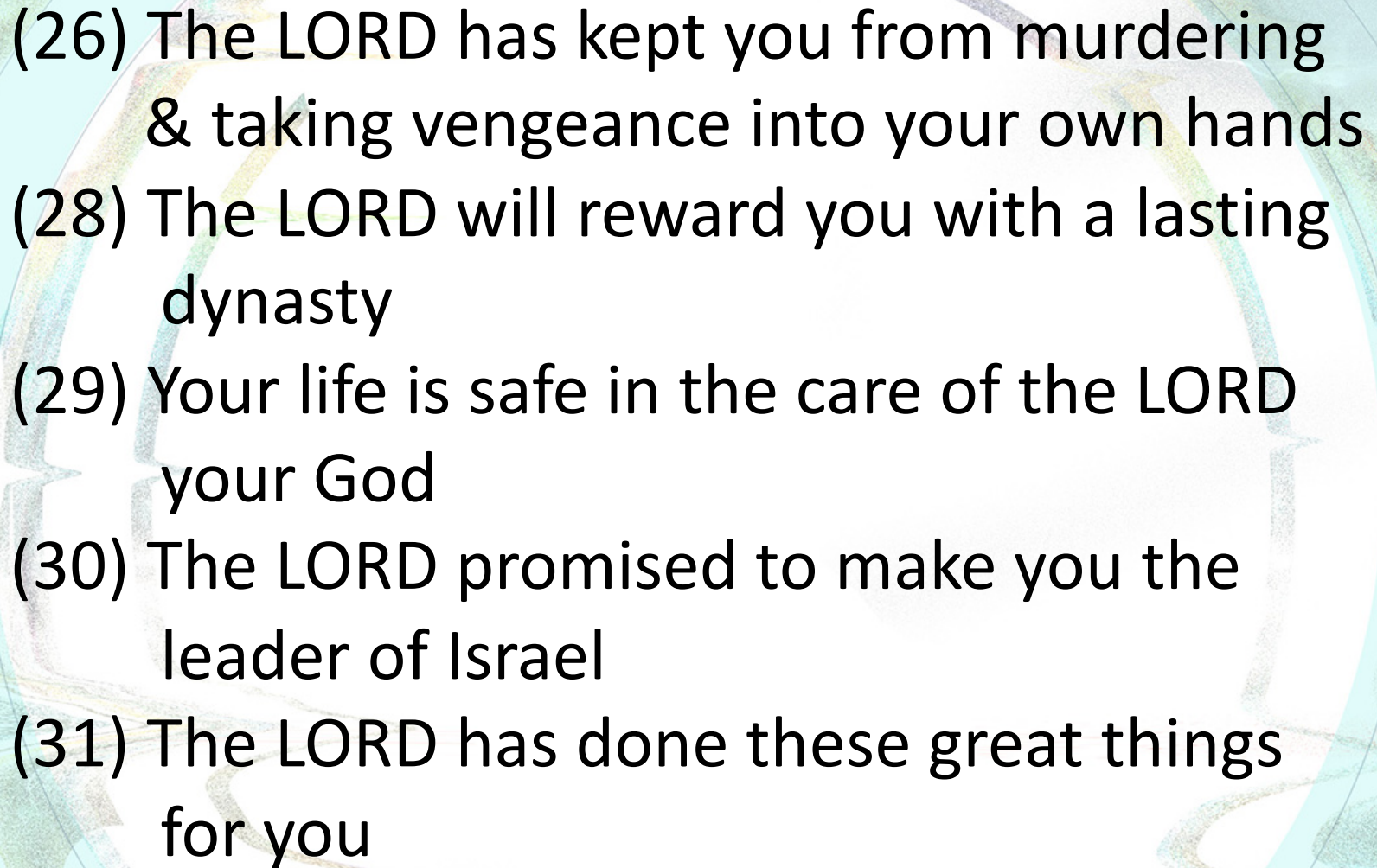
A Servant: The **wise informer**

Abigail: The **peace-maker**

1 Samuel 25:18-19a

Abigail wasted no time. She quickly gathered 200 loaves of bread, two wineskins full of wine, five sheep that had been slaughtered, nearly a bushel of roasted grain, 100 clusters of raisins, and 200 fig cakes. She packed them on donkeys and said to her servants, “Go on ahead. I will follow you shortly.” (NLT)

1. I'm to blame (24)
2. Please ignore Nabal, because he is a fool (25-26)
3. Please forgive me, I'm so sorry this happened (25,28)
4. Please accept my peace offering (27)
5. You will one day be sorry if you avenge this situation (26,31)
6. Let God deal with Nabal, not you (31)

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- (26) The LORD has kept you from murdering
& taking vengeance into your own hands
- (28) The LORD will reward you with a lasting
dynasty
- (29) Your life is safe in the care of the LORD
your God
- (30) The LORD promised to make you the
leader of Israel
- (31) The LORD has done these great things
for you

1 Samuel 25:32-35

David said to Abigail, "Praise be to the LORD, the God of Israel, who has sent you today to meet me. May you be blessed for your good judgment and for keeping me from bloodshed this day and from avenging myself with my own hands.

Otherwise, as surely as the LORD, the God of Israel, lives, who has kept me from harming you,

1 Samuel 25:32-35

if you had not come quickly to meet me, not one male belonging to Nabal would have been left alive by daybreak." Then David accepted from her hand what she had brought him and said, "Go home in peace. I have heard your words and granted your request."



David: The care-taker &
the impulsive avenger &
a humble learner



The **LORD**: The gracious avenger



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