

Fettes Park Baptist Church, Penang

WHEN IN DOUBT,DO THIS!

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**Never, believe your doubts
or doubt your beliefs.
Always, believe your beliefs
Doubt your doubts**

ANONYMOUS

BIBLE READING

1 SAMUEL 23 & 24

SUMMARY OF THE NARRATIVES

- 1) David saves Keilah from the Philistines. **(v2)**
- 2) God said “Go” **(v4)**
- 3) David’s men objected **(v3)**
- 4) Saul sent his entire army to catch David at Keilah **(v8)**
- 5) Inhabitants of Keilah betrayed David **(v12)**
- 6) David escapes and had opportunity to kill Saul **(1 Samuel 24)**
- 7) David spares Saul’s life **(1 Samuel 24:10)**

WHEN IN DOUBT, DO 3 THINGS

- ❖ David enquired of the Lord (**1 Samuel 23:2,4**)
- ❖ When David did not enquire of the Lord,
- ❖ 2 times in chapters 21 and 27, he ran into trouble

**It is not so much about
David running away as
David losing his way.**

1 SAMUEL

21/27

STORMS IN LIFE ARE INEVITABLE AND NECESSARY PURPOSES

1. Reveal the nature of our faith
2. Reveal the depth of our convictions
3. Reveal the strength of our commitment
4. Reveal the measure of our reserves

Wreckage of Avianca Flight 052 in Cove Neck, New York



I HAVE LEARNT IN 30 YEARS AS SENIOR PASTOR....

1. To recharge myself on the run
2. There must always be a river running on the inside of you
3. Process your life not by sentiments, but by Scripture; not by rhetoric, but by **Revelation**

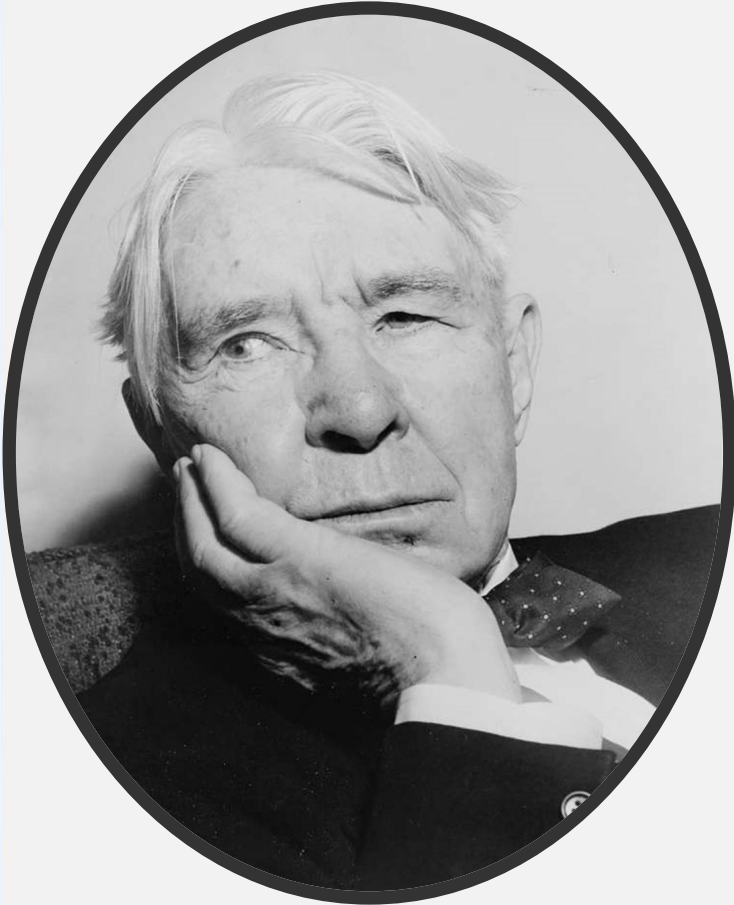
WHEN IN DOUBT, DO 3 THINGS

1. When in doubt, keep enquiring of the Lord.
2. **When in doubt, choose the Higher Road.**
The Higher Road for David:
 - ❖ David saved Keilah
 - ❖ David spared Saul

⁶ He said to his men, “The Lord forbid that I should do such a thing to my master, the Lord’s anointed, or lay my hand on him; for he is the anointed of the Lord.” ⁷ With these words David sharply rebuked his men and did not allow them to attack Saul. And Saul left the cave and went his way.

1 SAMUEL

24:6-7



“There is an eagle in me that wants to soar, but there is also a hippopotamus in me that’s wants to wallow in the mud.”

**CARL AUGUST
SANDBURG**

1878-1967

An American poet, biographer, journalist, and editor.

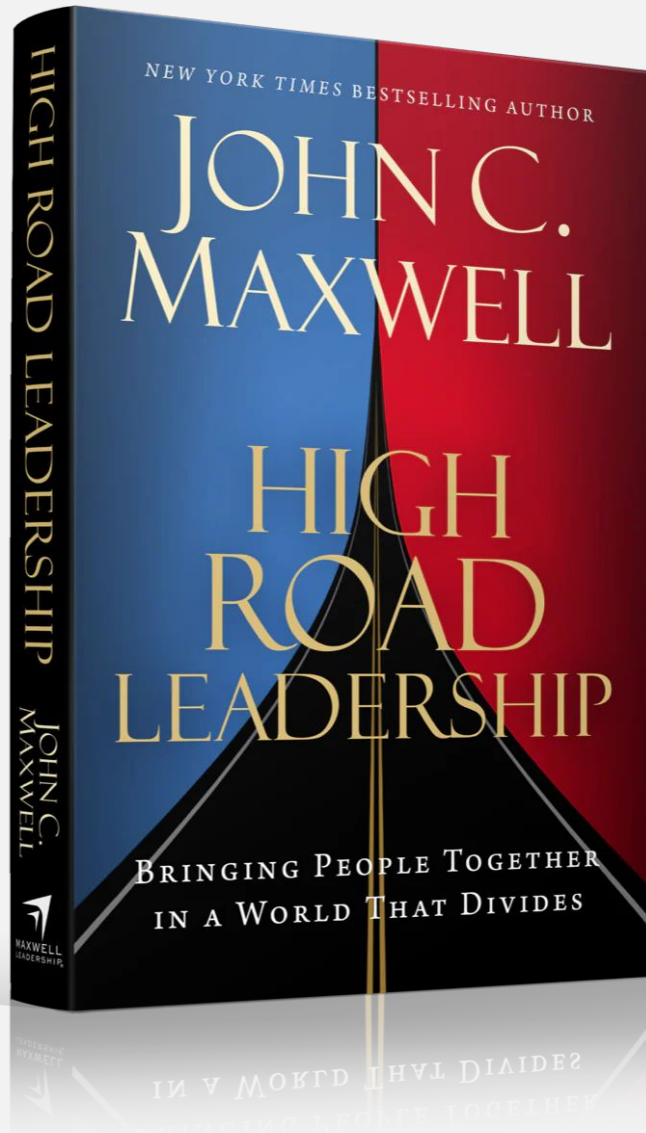
He won three Pulitzer Prizes: two for his poetry and one for his biography of Abraham Lincoln.

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE CHOOSE THE HIGHER ROAD?

- 1) We won't lose our moral compass.**
No matter what the circumstances or the benefits, never compromise your standards nor lower your moral compass.
- 2) We won't become more ruthless.**
The more truthless we are, the more ruthless we become.

Choose the Higher Road

**We trust in God that God will vindicate us.
If God is for us, who can be against us?**



HIGH ROAD LEADERSHIP

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3. **When in doubt, keep trusting in the goodness of God.**

GOD IS A GOOD GOD!

4 UNSHAKEABLE CONVICTIONS

**1. God is
real**

**2. God is
good**

**3. God is in
control**

4. God cares

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

ROMANS 8:28

WHEN WE KEEP TRUSTING THE GOODNESS OF GOD...

RESULTS

1) God will protect us

Day after day, Saul searched for him but God did not give David into his hands. (**Samuel 23:14**)

2) God will send us reinforcements

God gave David 400 men at the Cave of Adullam (**1 Samuel 22**)

but by (**1 Samuel 27:2**), he had an additional 200 more, total 600 good mighty men.

God will send good men to support you.

PSALM 34 WAS WRITTEN AROUND THIS TIME

5 Things David learnt about God in this season of his life

- 1. God hears (v17)**
- 2. God delivers (v17,19)**
- 3. God is near (v18)**
- 4. God protects (v19)**
- 5. God redeems (v22)**

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