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AUTONOMY

*He (**God**) called for a **famine** in the land of Canaan,
cutting off its food supply.*

*Then he **sent** someone to Egypt **ahead** of them –
Joseph, who was **sold** as a **slave**.*

*They bruised his feet with fetters
and placed his neck in an iron collar.*

*Until the **time** came to **fulfill** his **dreams** (word),
the Lord **tested** Joseph's **character**.*

Psalm 105: 16-19 NLT



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*Autonomy refers to the **ability** to function **independently** and to be **free** from external **control** or influence.*

*The **power** to make **decisions** without the **interference** of others.*

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Self-Governing (Rule)

Autonomy **looks** appealing.

Calling our own shots is a “**must have**”.

Autonomy is a **thirst** for **power**,
that cannot be **quenched**.

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LOW GRADE
ANGER

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S E T T L E

THERE

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S E T T L E

IF YOU ARE **NOT HAPPY**

... *with your wife.*

... *with your kids.*

... *with your car.*

... *with your house.*

... *with your career.*

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IF YOU ARE **NOT HAPPY**

- ... with your **wife**.* ➤ *You **married** her.*
- ... with your **kids**.* ➤ *You **raised** them.*
- ... with your **car**.* ➤ *You **bought** it.*
- ... with your **house**.* ➤ *You **bought** that too.*
- ... with your **career**.* ➤ *You **chose** it.*

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DRIVE FASTER!

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*He had a **home**, the love of a **girl**.
But men **get lost** sometimes, as years unfurl.
One day, he **crossed** some **line**,
and he was too much in this world.
But I guess it **doesn't matter** anymore.
In a New York minute,
everything can change.
In a New York minute,
things can get **pretty strange**.*

Don Henley - New York Minute



THE **QUEST** FOR AUTONOMY

... is **dangerous**.

... is an **appetite** that can't be satisfied.

... is a thirst for **power** that intoxicates.

... is a **misguided** approach to success.

... results in **relationships** becoming
a **means** to an end.



KING DAVID

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One evening David got up from his bed and walked around on the roof of the palace.

From the roof he saw a woman bathing.

The woman was very beautiful, and David sent someone to find out about her. The man said, "She is Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam and the wife of Uriah the Hittite.

2 Samuel 11: 2-3 NIV



*Then David sent messengers to **get her**.
She came to him, and he **slept with her**. ...*

Then she went back home.

*The **woman** (Bathsheba) **conceived**
and sent word to David, saying,
“**I am pregnant.**”*

*So David sent this word to Joab:
“**Send me Uriah the Hittite.**”*

2 Samuel 11: 4-6 NIV



CONTROL
THE OUTCOME

D O N ' T
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*David was told, "Uriah did **not go home.**"*

So he asked Uriah,

*"Haven't you just come from a military **campaign?***

*Why didn't you **go home?**"*

*Uriah said to David, "The **ark** and Israel and Judah
are staying in **tents**, and my commander **Joab**
and the Lord's **men** are camped in the **open** country.*

*How could I go to my house to **eat** and **drink**
and **make love** to my wife?*

*As surely as you live, I will not do **such a thing!**"*

2 Samuel 11: 10-11 NIV



*At David's invitation, he ate and drank with him,
and David **made him** (got him) **drunk**.
But in the evening Uriah **went out** to sleep on his mat
among the master's servants; he did **not go home**. ...*

2 Samuel 11: 13-15 NIV

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*At David's invitation, he ate and drank with him,
and David made him (got him) drunk.
But in the evening Uriah went out to sleep on his mat
among the master's servants; he did not go home.
In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab
and sent it with Uriah. In it he wrote,
"Put Uriah out in front where the fighting is fiercest.
Then withdraw from him
so he will be struck down and die."*

2 Samuel 11: 13-15 NIV



*When Uriah's wife (Bathsheba) heard that her husband was dead, she **mourned** for him. After the time of mourning was over, David had her **brought** to his house, and she became **his wife** and bore him a son. But the **thing** David had done **displeased the Lord.***

2 Samuel 11: 26-27 NIV



DAVID'S QUEST FOR AUTONOMY

... was **disastrous**.

... permanently undermined his **credibility**.

... permanently undermined his **authority**.

... permanently undermined his **legacy**.

... did not cost him his crown,
but it **cost** him his **family**.



*In the spring,
at the time when **kings** go off to **war**,
David sent **Joab**
out with the **king's men**
and the whole Israelite army. ...
But David **remained** in Jerusalem.*

2 Samuel 11: 1 NIV

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... is a **myth**.

... is a **trap**.

... is an **unworthy** goal.

... is an **appetite** for power
that **cannot** be fully or finally **satisfied**.

... is an **unquenchable** thirst.



The **wolf** (Satan)
is **always** at the door!

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*You were not created
for **autonomy**.*

*You were created
for **community**.*

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*Two are better than one,
because they have a good return for their labor.
If either of them falls down, one can help the other up.*

*But pity anyone who falls
and has no one to help them up.*

Ecclesiastes 4: 9-10 NIV

Be careful then, dear brothers and sisters. ...

*You must warn (exhort) each other every day, while
it is still "today", so that none of you will be deceived by sin
and hardened (unresponsive) against God.*

Hebrews 3: 12-13 NLT

