

SCANDALOUS

(3) Two Mother's-One Child

BIG IDEA...

HOW DO I HANDLE THE "SCANDALOUS" MOMENTS OF MY LIFE?

Weekly Idea

WISDOM IS THE KEY TO NAVIGATING ALL OF LIFE'S SCANDALS.

4 PEOPLE USUALLY PRESENT IN SCANDAL

-God

-A Wise Counselor

-A person coming to their senses seeking that counsel

-A person out of control.

I KINGS 3:16-28

16 Now two prostitutes came to the king and stood before him.

17 One of them said, "Pardon me, my lord. This woman and I live in the same house, and I had a baby while she was there with me.

18 The third day after my child was born, this woman also had a baby. We were alone; there was no one in the house but the two of us.

19 "During the night this woman's son died because she lay on him. **20** So she got up in the middle of the night and took my son from my side while I your servant was asleep. She put him by her breast and put her dead son by my breast. **21** The next morning, I got up to nurse my son—and he was dead! But when I looked at him closely in the morning light, I saw that it wasn't the son I had borne." **22** The other woman said, "No! The living one is my son; the dead one is yours." But the first one insisted, "No! The dead one is yours; the living one is mine." And so they argued before the king.

23 The king said, "This one says, 'My son is alive and your son is dead,' while that one says, 'No! Your son is dead and mine is alive.'" **24** Then the king said, "Bring me a sword." So they brought a sword for the king. **25** He then gave an order: "Cut the living child in two and give half to one and half to the other."

26 The woman whose son was alive was deeply moved out of love for her son and said to the king, "Please, my lord, give her the living baby! Don't kill him!" But the other said, "Neither I nor you shall have him. Cut him in two!"

27 Then the king gave his ruling: "Give the living baby to the first woman. Do not kill him; she is his mother."

28 When all Israel heard the verdict the king had given, they held the king in awe, because they saw that he had WISDOM FROM GOD to administer justice.

5 NECESSARY COMPONENTS IN DEVELOPING WISDOM

DESIRE IT

Proverbs 4:8

"Cherish her, and she will exalt you; embrace her, and she will honor you".

Proverbs 2:4

"... And if you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure".

ENGAGE GOD'S WORD TO LEARN IT

Psalm 19:7

"The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul. The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple".

Psalm 119:105

"Your word is a lamp for my feet-a light on my path".

ASK GOD FOR IT

James 1:5

"If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God"

HAVE PERSPECTIVE TO KEEP IT

Psalm 90:12

"Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom"

COME TO JESUS TO FIND IT

Matthew 12:42

"The queen of the south will arise at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and behold something greater than Solomon is here".