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Can I Trust the Bible?

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ON KEEPING THE FAITH IN COLLEGE



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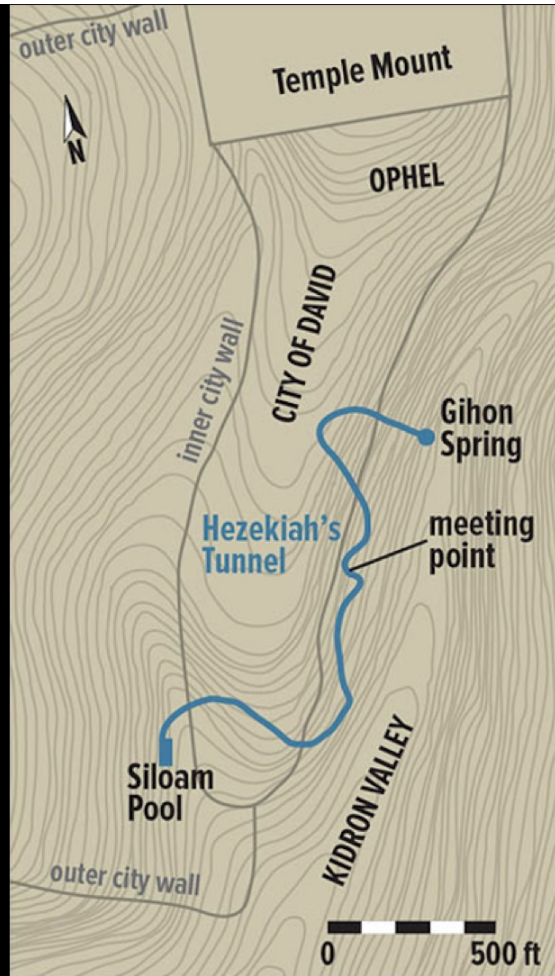
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- He oversaw some remarkable engineering accomplishments.

Hezekiah's Tunnel Video



Did Hezekiah end well?

“Then Isaiah said to Hezekiah, ‘Hear the word of the LORD: Behold, the days are coming, when all that is in your house, and that which your fathers have stored up till this day, shall be carried to Babylon. Nothing shall be left, says the LORD.’

“And some of your own sons, who will come from you, whom you will father, shall be taken away, and they shall be eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon.’

“Then Hezekiah said to Isaiah, ‘The word of the LORD that you have spoken is good.’ For he thought, ‘Why not, if there will be peace and security in my days?’”

2 Kings 20:16-19

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“... shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly; not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock.”

1 Peter 5:2-3

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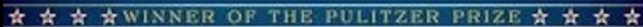
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DORIS KEARNS
GOODWIN



“Then I came along, and suddenly everything was right again. I could do all the things she never did.”

Lyndon Johnson

“I knew how much she needed me. I liked that. It made me feel big and important. It made me feel I could do anything in the world.”

Lyndon Johnson

“He would blanket someone with generosity, care, and affection, but in recompense, expect total loyalty and sterling achievement.

“Failing this standard was perceived by him as betrayal. His affection would be withdrawn, a pattern of behavior so pronounced it earned the epithet, the Johnson ‘freeze-out’.”

Doris Goodwin

He “instilled fear; he kept everyone on edge.”

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Accidental diminishers are “managers with the best intentions, good people who think they are doing a good job leading.”

Liz Wiseman



Earvin Johnson, Jr.

“I made a decision at this very young age that I would use my God-given talent to help everyone on the team be a better player.”

Magic Johnson

“This was the decision that gave Earvin the name ‘Magic’ – for his ability to raise the level of excellence of every team he ever played on and of every person on those teams.”

Liz Wiseman

“I was not asking for personal success as an individual or merely material success as a corporation. I do not equate this kind of success with Christianity.

“Whatever God wants is what I want. But I did try to build a business that would live longer than I would in the marketplace that would witness to Jesus Christ in the way the business was conducted.”

Marion Wade

Idea Guy -

This leader becomes the only one offering up **new ideas.**

Always On -

This leader is always on, but can leave the team **always off**.

Rescuer -

This leader **swoops in** to rescue, yet eventually produces a helpless team.

Pacesetter -

This leader takes off, assuming his team will follow, but looks back as many have **given up**.

Optimist -

This leader says things like “How hard can it be?” to build confidence when the team might need the **difficulty** at least acknowledged.

Strategist -

This leader casts vision but is too prescriptive. Others have no space to think through the challenges that strengthen their **visional muscles**.

Perfectionist -

This leader goes beyond the high standard and ends up discouraging the team with **constant critique**.

“Sometimes a 90% solution executed with 100% ownership is better than getting it 100% right with a disengaged team.”

Liz Wiseman

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- **Listen** to those around you.

“Do not reprove a scoffer, or he will hate you;
reprove a wise man, and he will love you.

“Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser; teach a righteous man, and he will increase in learning.”

Proverbs 9:8-9

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- Listen to those around you.
- Look to **Jesus!**

“And Jesus called them to him and said to them, ‘You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them.’

“But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all.

“For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Mark 10:42-45