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Season 1, Episode 3

David & Gary (FBI Agent)

INT. MOUNT CARMEL CENTER - DAY

DAVID KORESH nurses wounds from the ATF standoff. He's surrounded by other members of the compound. His phone RINGS.

DAVID

Hello.

INT. FBI TENT - SAME

FBI Agent GARY NOESNER is on the other line, surrounded by agents listening into the call.

GARY

Hello. Who am I speaking with?

INTERCUT BETWEEN DAVID AND GARY

DAVID

This is David, the notorious.

GARY

Hi David. This is Gary. FBI.

DAVID

Hey, Gary. How ya doin'?

GARY

You know, I suppose we've both had better days.

DAVID

Yeah. You're telling me.

GARY

Yeah. How do you say your name, David? Is it KOR-esh or Kor-ESH?

DAVID

You ever hear someone die before, Gary?

GARY

Unfortunately, yes, I have.

DAVID

Then you say my name like the last breath of a dying man. Like a death nell. Kor-ESHHHHHHH.

GARY

Oh, I got it. Kor-ESH. Well, as I said, I'm with the FBI, not the ATF. We're in charge of this now.

DAVID

Isn't that like getting in a fight with the neighbor boy, and he whoops you. And his big brother comes over to investigate.

GARY

No. It's not like that at all.

DAVID

Tell me, Gary. You gonna come kill us all?

GARY

No. I'm here to work this out with words, not bullets.

DAVID

Well, why didn't you do that in the first place? When I was out in town or jogging? Jacob Vasquez knew that.

GARY

David, I can't tell you the answer to that because I wasn't involved.

DAVID

Put Jacob on the phone.

GARY

Well, I wish I could, but he's not here.

David grimaces.

GARY (CONT'D)

Now, David. I hear you're injured, and I'd like to get you medical attention. We just need you to come out.

DAVID

Come out? After what you did to us? After you came in and shot us for no reason?

GARY

Well, like I said, we're FBI. We had absolutely nothing to do with that, although it's my understanding that your people ambushed the ATF.

DAVID

That is a lie! This is all their fault. If you don't believe me, there was a guy right outside with a video camera. You go watch that tape.

GARY

Fair enough. Well, let's try and get past this, okay. Tell me what I need to do to get you out of there.

DAVID

Hmm. In Psalms 2, it says "David has a vision of the future, of confrontation between man and man's law and God and God's law."

GARY

Okay.

DAVID

And Revelation 13 tells of a lamb-like beast who'll rise up. Tell me, Gary. What empire's lamb-like or Christian? The United States of America. The leaders of the earth will join in counsel together against the Lord, against his anointed. The message in Psalms 2 is clear, Gary.

GARY

Seems like you know the Bible back to front.

DAVID

I've memorized every word of it.

GARY

And, you know, it also seems like you have a message.

DAVID

Our purpose here, Gary, is that message.

GARY

But what if I could help you? What if I can convince my commanders to let you share your message with the world? Would you come out then?

DAVID

When you say "world", do you mean national TV?

GARY

Sure.

DAVID

You broadcast my message on national TV, then yeah. I'll come out.

GARY

Okay. Let's be clear. If I make this happen, you will peacefully surrender. You're agreeing to that?

DAVID

Yeah. You have yourself a deal.