

SECOND DAY: Read 2 Samuel 5:17-25

1. According to 2 Samuel 5:17-18, what happened after Israel *had anointed David king*?
 - a. Although God had placed David on the throne, he still faced enemies and trials. What does this imply to you?
 - b. Read John 16:33 and 1 Peter 4:12-13. How are these verses a good reminder to you concerning the trials you face?

2. What was David's response to this aggression? 2 Samuel 5:19a
 - a. What did the Lord tell him? 2 Samuel 5:19b
 - (1) In light of this, how does Psalm 91:15 minister to you?
 - (2) How is David an example for you?

3. What occurred in 2 Samuel 5:20-21?
 - a. Print David's declaration in 2 Samuel 5:20b.
 - b. Share a time when the Lord made a *breakthrough* for you.

4. The Philistines came against David *once again*. Use 2 Samuel 5:23-25 to describe the victory that God gave David on this occasion.
 - a. What was the signal for David to *advance quickly*? 2 Samuel 5:24
 - (1) Why was it important that David wait for the LORD's signal before advancing?
 - b. How did David gain the victory? 2 Samuel 5:25a
 - (1) Share a time when you gained a victory by submitting to the LORD.

5. 1 Chronicles 14 provides a parallel to this account. What additional insight is given in 1 Chronicles 14:17?
 - a. The Lord used the Philistines to bring *the fear of him (David) upon all nations*. How has the Lord used challenges in your life? See also 1 Peter 5:10.

THIRD DAY: Read 2 Samuel 8:1-15

1. Use 2 Samuel 8:1-14 to briefly describe David's conquests over the following people:
 - a. Philistines – verse 1

 - b. Moabites – verse 2

 - c. Hadadezer and the Syrians – verses 3-8, 13

 - d. Edomites – verse 14

2. What did *Toi king of Hamath* do when he heard that David had defeated all the army of Hadadezer?
2 Samuel 8:9-10
 - a. What did David do with these things? 2 Samuel 8:11-12
 - (1) Read 1 Chronicles 18:8 and note how some of David's spoils were used.

 - (2) What do these actions convey about David's perspective on his victories?

3. Write the declaration repeated in 2 Samuel 8:66, 146.
 - a. How was this evident in David's life?

 - b. Share a way the Lord has preserved you.

4. Remark on David's reign as described in 2 Samuel 8:15.

5. Psalm 60 was inspired by some of these conquests. What is remarkable to you about David's prayer in this Psalm?
 - a. What keys to victory do you find in Psalm 60?

FOURTH DAY: Read 2 Samuel 10:1-19

1. Recap the events of 2 Samuel 10:1-2.

2. What misguided warning did the *princes of the people of Ammon* give Hanun? 2 Samuel 10:3
 - a. What was the result? 2 Samuel 10:4-5

3. After humiliating David's men, what did *the people of Ammon* do? 2 Samuel 10:6

4. Answer the following questions from 2 Samuel 10:7-19:
 - a. Who did David send to battle? 2 Samuel 10:7

 - b. What did Joab do when he *saw the battle line was against him before and behind*? 2 Samuel 10:9-11

 - c. Write Joab's encouragement to *Abishai his brother*. 2 Samuel 10:12
 - (1) Why do you think this was necessary?

 - d. What happened when Joab and Abishai *drew near for battle*? 2 Samuel 10:13-14
 - (1) Use Deuteronomy 28:1, 7 to remark on the ease of their success.

 - e. When the Syrians rallied together again, what did David do? 2 Samuel 10:17-18

 - f. Describe the end result of the battle. 2 Samuel 10:19

5. What keys to spiritual victory do you learn from David's triumph over Ammon and Syria?
 - a. In what way can you appropriate these keys?

FIFTH DAY: Read 1 Chronicles 20:1-8

1. What *happened in the spring of the year*? 1 Chronicles 20:1
 - a. Compare this with 2 Samuel 12:26-29 and record any additional findings.
 - (1) Why do you think it was important that David be involved in this battle?
2. Briefly describe David's actions in 1 Chronicles 20:2-3.
 - a. How did David show mercy to the Ammonites?
3. From 1 Chronicles 20:4-7 record the challenges and victories of the following men:
 - a. Sibbechai – verse 4
 - b. Elhanan – verse 5
 - c. Jonathan – verses 6-7
4. God used these men in David's life to help defeat the enemy. Share a way God has used others in your life to accomplish victory.
5. Link the events of this chapter with Galatians 6:2. What principle do you see at work?
 - a. How can you assist other believers to spiritual victory?

