"God-Given Victory"

"But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

(1 Corinthians 15:57)

On a Roll...

2 Samuel 8:1-5 – (1) "After this David defeated the Philistines and subdued them, and David took Metheg-ammah out of the hand of the Philistines. (2) And he defeated Moab... (3) David also defeated Hadadezer the son of Rehob, king of Zobah, as he went to restore his power at the river Euphrates. (4) And David took from him 1,700 horsemen, and 20,000 foot soldiers. And David hamstrung all the chariot horses but left enough for 100 chariots. (5) And when the Syrians of Damascus came to help Hadadezer king of Zobah, David struck down 22,000 men of the Syrians."

"And the LORD gave victory to David wherever he went." (2 Samuel 8:6)

2 Samuel 8:13-14 – (13) "And David made a name for himself when he returned from striking down 18,000 Edomites in the Valley of Salt. (14) Then he put garrisons in Edom; throughout all Edom he put garrisons, and all the Edomites became David's servants..."

"And the LORD gave victory to David wherever he went." (2 Samuel 8:14)

(1) David was Dedicated to the Lord in Word & Deed

"These also King David dedicated to the LORD, together with the silver and gold that he dedicated from all the nations he subdued, from Edom, Moab, the Ammonites, the Philistines, Amalek, and from the spoil of Hadadezer the son of Rehob, king of Zobah." (2 Samuel 8:11-12)

(2) David Properly Represented God

"So David reigned over all Israel. And <u>David administered justice and equity</u> to all his people." (2 Samuel 8:15)

(3) David was not a "One-Man Show"

"Joab the son of Zeruiah was over the army, and Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud was recorder, and Zadok the son of Ahitub and Ahimelech the son of Abiathar were priests, and Seraiah was secretary, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada was over the Cherethites and the Pelethites, and David's sons were priests." (2 Samuel 8:16-18)

(4) David Demonstrated Sharing & Caring

"And David said, 'Is there still anyone left of the house of Saul, that I may show him kindness for Jonathan's sake?" (2 Samuel 9:1)

Questions to Ponder:

- (1) What impacted me most from this message?
- (2) Do I have a first-fruits orientation towards God? (Prov. 3:9-10)
- (3) Do I have people in my life that can give me wise counsel? (Prov. 11:14, 15:22, 24:6)
- (4) As a person who has been blessed by God, am I inquiring as to how to bless others? (Ps. 112:9; Rom. 12:13; 1 Cor. 16:15)

(ESV used unless otherwise noted)