David Conquers Jerusalem - 2 Samuel 5:6-25

Topics: Abandon, Accomplishments, Achievements, Answers, Assurance, Blessing, Blindness, Challenge, Children, Confidence, Craftsmanship, Decisions, Effectiveness, Evidence, Foolishness, Gifts, Guidance, Government, Insults, Leadership, Opposition, Popularity, Power, Priorities, Security, Sovereignty, Status, Strength, Success, Victory, Weaknesses, Wives

Open It

1. Do you consider yourself mainly a “leader” or a “follower”? Why?
* 2. What burdens and rewards go along with leadership?

Explore It

3. What city did David set out to conquer once he had been anointed king of Israel and Judah? (5:6)
4. What taunt did the Jebusites throw at David’s army? (5:6)
5. What was the outcome of David’s siege of Jerusalem? (5:7)
6. How did David turn the taunt of the Jebusites against them? (5:8)
7. What did David do in Jerusalem after he conquered it? (5:9)
* 8. Why did David continue to prosper and grow more powerful? (5:10)
* 9. What honor did David receive from a foreign king? (5:11)
* 10. How did David interpret the honors he was receiving? (5:12)
11. What children were born to David after he had settled in Jerusalem? (5:14-16)
12. How did the Philistines respond to David’s expanded kingship? (5:17)
13. What did David seek before he engaged the Philistines in battle? (5:18-19)
14. What was the significance of the name given to the place where David defeated the Philistines? (5:20)
15. How did David behave when the Philistines gathered against him for a second time? (5:22-23)
16. What was different about the Lord’s response to David’s second inquiry? (5:23-24)
17. What was the outcome of the second battle? (5:25)

Get It

18. Why did David need to establish a new capital city after becoming king of both Judah and Israel?
* 19. In what different ways could David have responded to an honor such as gifts sent from a foreign king?
20. What was David’s first instinct when he heard about the Philistines amassing against him?
21. How did the naming of the place of David’s first victory against the Philistines give glory to God rather than to himself?
22. Why was it a good thing that David did not assume that the second battle would go exactly like the first?
* 23. What are the potential pitfalls of success in the life of the believer?
24. What lessons should we draw from our successes and the congratulations of others?
25. When is God more concerned with our attitudes than our outcomes?

Apply It

* 26. What could serve as a concrete reminder that your successes are an indication of God’s grace?
27. How can you develop the habit of asking for God’s help instead of taking it for granted?