

**These Three Kings:
On the Life of King David**
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"Handling Victories"
2 Samuel 8

Three thousand years ago there lived a King named David who served a great nation under a great God – Jehovah God of the heavens. So powerful was David that 62 chapters of the Old Testament are devoted to his biography, and no less than 59 references in the New Testament call attention to his character. He was a man of victory.

...the Lord gave David victory wherever he went.
2 Samuel 8:14

Observations regarding David's battlefield strategy:

1. When battle comes _____ God's direction.
2. When God gives directions _____ them.

Going Deeper

1. Your opinion. What do you consider the most proficient achievement in sports? Why? What contributed to this achievement?
2. What do you consider your most moving spiritual victory? Name that victory! How long did the excitement of that victory last? What brought the thrill of that victory to an end?
3. How have difficulties, challenges, and even pain shaped your character and values?
4. How are you different today as a result of a defeat you've had to face in life?
5. The Lord declares "Those who honor me I will honor, but those who despise me will be disdained." (1 Sam. 2:30) How might this be applied to your employment? Family life? Dating life? Spiritual life? etc.
6. Realizing that God "brings one down, and he exalts another," (Psalm 75:6, 7) if you were God, how would you design the world differently?

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