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2 Samuel 5:1–12

Then all the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron and said, “Behold, we are your bone and flesh. ² In times past, when Saul was king over us, it was you who led out and brought in Israel. And the LORD said to you, ‘You shall be shepherd of my people Israel, and you shall be prince over Israel.’ ” ³ So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the LORD, and they anointed David king over Israel. ⁴ David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years. ⁵ At Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months, and at Jerusalem he reigned over all Israel and Judah thirty-three years.

⁶ And the king and his men went to Jerusalem against the Jebusites, the inhabitants of the land, who said to David, “You will not come in here, but the blind and the lame will ward you off”—thinking, “David cannot come in here.” ⁷ Nevertheless, David took the stronghold of Zion, that is, the city of David. ⁸ And David said on that day, “Whoever would strike the Jebusites, let him get up the water shaft to attack ‘the lame and the blind,’ who are hated by David’s soul.” Therefore it is said, “The blind and the lame shall not come into the house.” ⁹ And David lived in the stronghold and called it the city of David. And David built the city all around from the Millo inward. ¹⁰ And David became greater and greater, for the LORD, the God of hosts, was with him.

¹¹ And Hiram king of Tyre sent messengers to David, and cedar trees, also carpenters and masons who built David a house. ¹² And David knew that the LORD had established him king over Israel, and that he had exalted his kingdom for the sake of his people Israel.

God’s King brings blessing to His people

God sets His King on His throne

Anointed who brings life

Ruler who brings peace

Warrior who brings rest

God’s people serve the King

Servants

Warriors

Builders

How is David’s kingdom a prophetic pattern for Christ’s Kingdom?

How is Christ a superior king to David?

How did this passage describe David’s leadership as king?

How did the people relate to David? How does this give us a pattern to relate to Jesus?

Why is conquering Jerusalem so important?



How do we build Christ's kingdom?

How do we fight for Christ's kingdom?

Think conversion not conquest – that is really important!

See Ephesians 6:10-20



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I Thessalonians 1:1–10 Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. ²We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, ³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. ⁹For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

Christ's calling moves the mission

Empowers commitment

Extends the word of the gospel

Embodies the message for others

How does your Christian life exhibit or show “your work of faith”, “your labor of love”, or your “steadfastness of hope”?

How have you shared in the struggles and suffering of this life in Christ? Have you found joy in the Holy Spirit in the midst of the hard times? How?

Where have you seen the gospel grow in influence in the lives of others? In the church? In the Presbytery? In the City? In the mission field?

What ministries sound forth the Word of the Lord?

What is our mission field at CPC?

What part of the CPC mission excites you?

How does our faith prove to be an example to others?