

TRIUMPHS  
AND TRIALS  
of the  
KING



# **When Pride Rejects the King's Kindness**

2 SAMUEL 10



Does your pride keep you from receiving  
God's mercy?



# 2 Samuel 10

1 Some time later, the king of the Ammonites died, and his son Hanun became king in his place.

2 Then David said, "I'll show kindness (hesed) to Hanun son of Nahash, just as his father showed kindness to me."



# 1 Timothy 2:1-2

I urge that petitions, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all those who are in authority, so that we lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity.



# 2 Samuel 10

So David sent his emissaries to console Hanun concerning his father. However, when they arrived in the land of the Ammonites, 3 the Ammonite leaders said to Hanun their lord, “Just because David has sent men with condolences for you, do you really believe he’s showing respect for your father? Instead, hasn’t David sent his emissaries in order to scout out the city, spy on it, and demolish it?”



# Proverbs 14:12

There is a way that seems right to a person,  
But its end is the way to death.



# 2 Samuel 10

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# Leviticus 19:27

You are not to cut off the hair at the sides of your head or mar the edge of your beard.



# Proverbs 16:18

Pride comes before destruction,  
and an arrogant spirit before a fall.



# 2 Samuel 10

6 When the Ammonites realized they had become repulsive to David, they hired twenty thousand foot soldiers from the Arameans of Beth-rehob and Zobah, one thousand men from the king of Maacah, and twelve thousand men from Tob.



# 2 Samuel 10

7 David heard about it and sent Joab and all the elite troops. 8 The Ammonites marched out and lined up in battle formation at the entrance to the city gate while the Arameans of Zobah and Rehob and the men of Tob and Maacah were in the field by themselves.



# 2 Samuel 10

9 When Joab saw that there was a battle line in front of him and another behind him, he chose some of Israel's finest young men and lined up in formation to engage the Arameans. 10 He placed the rest of the forces under the command of his brother Abishai. They lined up in formation to engage the Ammonites.



# 2 Samuel 10

11 "If the Arameans are too strong for me," Joab said, "then you will be my help. However, if the Ammonites are too strong for you, I'll come to help you. 12 Be strong! Let's prove ourselves strong for our people and for the cities of our God. May the LORD's will be done."



# 2 Samuel 10

13 Joab and his troops advanced to fight against the Arameans, and they fled before him. 14 When the Ammonites saw that the Arameans had fled, they too fled before Abishai and entered the city. So Joab withdrew from the attack against the Ammonites and went to Jerusalem.



# 2 Samuel 10

15 When the Arameans saw that they had been defeated by Israel, they regrouped. 16 Hadadezer sent messengers to bring the Arameans who were beyond the Euphrates River, and they came to Helam with Shobach, commander of Hadadezer's army, leading them.



# 2 Samuel 10

17 When this was reported to David, he gathered all Israel, crossed the Jordan, and went to Helam. Then the Arameans lined up to engage David in battle and fought against him. 18 But the Arameans fled before Israel, and David killed seven hundred of their charioteers and forty thousand foot soldiers. He also struck down Shobach commander of their army, who died there.



# 2 Samuel 10

19 When all the kings who were Hadadezer's subjects saw that they had been defeated by Israel, they made peace with Israel and became their subjects. After this, the Arameans were afraid to ever help the Ammonites again.



\*God's kindness does not always produce gratitude

\*Pride often results in conflict, while humility often leads to peace

\*The Lord preserves his people and brings them to peace



# The Suffering & Shame of our King

“I gave my back to those who beat me, and my cheeks to those who tore out my beard. I did not hide my face from scorn and spitting.” Isaiah 50:6

“They divided my garments among themselves, and they cast lots for my clothing.” Psalms 22:18



# The Victorious Return of Our King

He wore a robe dipped in blood, and his name is called the Word of God. The armies that were in heaven followed him on white horses, wearing pure white linen. A sharp sword came from his mouth, so that he might strike the nations with it.

Revelation 19:13–15

