

## 2 Samuel 23 “Keys to Finishing Well!” OGCF 3/26/2023

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- 8) The Bible is full of stories of how God worked miracles in/ through normal people who trusted Him. What are some examples in your own life/family in which we might say, “The LORD brought about a great victory that day”?

### APPLICATION FOR TODAY

- 9) How do you want people to remember you when you're life here is over?

- 10) What can you do better or differently now, in order to meet your goal from question 9?

- 11) Looking back at the points on your notesheet, which “key to finishing well” do you most need to improve on?

How can you improve in that area this week?

- 12) What do you most need to remember or put into practice from this week's message or homework?

### PRAYER REQUESTS

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### Life Group Homework For the week of March 26, 2023

*\*\*\*This is the LAST WEEK of Life Groups for our Winter session. If you want to take a break or try another group, please notify your Life Group leader. Signups will be April 2, 9, and 16th. Life Groups resume on April 16th for our Spring session, and conclude on June 10 for summer break.\*\*\**

### GETTING TO KNOW YOU

- 1) When David was away from home, he longed for water from the well in Bethlehem. Is there a special food or drink that reminds you of “home” or “comfort”?
- 2) As we near the end of our time in First and Second Samuel, what are one or two of your main “take-aways”?

### REVIEW

- 3) Summarize 2 Samuel 23 in eight words or less.
- 4) What stood out to you from this week's message? What questions did you have?

### DIGGING DEEPER

- 5) This week we learned about some of the gifted men that served alongside David. What are three talents or abilities God has given you?
- 6) What stands out to you from the following passage?

**Ephesians 4:1-16 NLT** - "[1] Therefore I, a prisoner for serving the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of your calling, for you have been called by God. [2] Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love. [3] Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace. [4] For there is one body and one Spirit, just as you have been called to one glorious hope for the future. [5] There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, [6] and one God and Father, who is over all and in all and living through all. [7] However, he has given each one of us a special gift through the generosity of Christ. [8] That is why the Scriptures say, "When he ascended to the heights, he led a crowd of captives and gave gifts to his people." [9] Notice that it says "he ascended." This clearly means that Christ also descended to our lowly world. [10] And the same one who descended is the one who ascended higher than all the heavens, so that he might fill the entire universe with himself. [11] Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. [12] Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ. [13] This will continue until we all come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God's Son that we will be mature in the Lord, measuring up to the full and complete standard of Christ. [14] Then we will no longer be immature like children. We won't be tossed and blown about by every wind of new teaching. We will not be influenced when people try to trick us with lies so clever they sound like the truth. [15] Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church. [16] He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.

Verse 1 spoke about our "calling". What do you think is your "calling" from God?

What are some examples of putting into practice verses 2-3?

Look back at verse 12. How does this fit with the saying, "We are all ministers"?

How can you use your gifts/talents from question 5 to serve others and/or serve the LORD?

7) Read the following passage.

**2 Corinthians 5:19-20 NLT** - "[19] For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation. [20] So we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, "Come back to God!"

What are some common excuses we make to avoid serving others or talking to them about Jesus?

What has been helpful for you to "stand your ground" spiritually when you felt pressured/attacked by the world, the flesh, or the devil?