

Greatness: The Life of Israel's Greatest King and How Yours Can Be Better
2 Samuel 10
Leadership is Influence

There are three parts to the story in 2 Samuel 10 that highlight the capacity and quality of David's leadership.

- (1) David demonstrated _____ kindness and trustworthiness to neighboring kingdoms. (10:1-7)
- (2) Joab led his men into battle with a _____ in God that resembled David's! (10:8-14)
- (3) David's _____ military leadership caused the Ammonite allies to align themselves under Israel. (10:15-19)

New Testament Application: As followers of Christ, we are commanded to put forth the effort of our existence to influence the lost world to know the love of Christ and, as such, obediently follow Him (Matthew 28:18-20). However, just as a leader as gifted as David couldn't convince the Ammonites to believe the sincerity of his kindness and trustworthiness, and just as David had to have wondered if Joab was ever going to live by faith in the Lord, you and I need to know that although we are commanded to intentionally engage those far from God around us with the Gospel, we can't control the outcome! (Luke 8:4-8 & 11-15)

Challenge: Who are the people who don't know and follow Jesus but call you a trusted _____? Are you sharing the Gospel of Jesus with them or just sharing life experiences with them?