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Lesson 85: 2 Samuel 8:1-18 Battles Abound

Read Psalm 60:6-8. Whom does David credit with these victories?

Read Matthew 6:25-33. I know we've read these before, but look closely. What hope is in this passage?

What does verse 33 tell us we should keep our focus on?
What will be provided then? (Notice, this passage discusses God's provision of our essentials. A 72 inch LCD TV is not an essential.)

Read Luke 12:15-21. Can we trust in the things of this world to provide for us?
Where will it all end up?

Read James 4:13-15. With every plan we make in this life (and plans are not bad; we are to be good stewards!), who should we be consulting?
Whose will will always be done?

As you spend time with God today, if you don't already make a habit of this, turn off the electronics, turn the cell phone to silent, and really spend time with God, resting and talking to Him. Thank Him for His protection, for His provision. Be specific. Praise Him for His love and grace and mercy. Praise Him for His justice and holiness.

Remove the distractions that surround you so you can give this time to Him alone (even if it means you lock yourself in the bathroom for 10 minutes and turn the exhaust fan on so you can't hear the little people coming to look for you!). Spend time with your Father; don't just go through the motions.