Sermon Notes, August 12, 2012
*Peaks and Valleys*
Series: “Remember Who You Are,” Part 8 of 11
1 Chronicles 18-20

Doing a funeral sermon always gives me the opportunity to get to know the families of our church better . . .

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GOD FULFILLS HIS PROMISES, USING BOTH PEAKS AND VALLEYS IN OUR LIVES

God’s Promise to David
(1 Chr 17:8b-10 NIV) Now I will make your name like the names of the greatest men of the earth. {9} And I will provide a place for my people Israel and will plant them so that they can have a home of their own and no longer be disturbed. Wicked people will not oppress them anymore, as they did at the beginning {10} and have done ever since the time I appointed leaders over my people Israel. I will also subdue all your enemies. ”I declare to you that the LORD will build a house for you.”

1. In Chapter 18, David Has a Series of ____________, ____________ Victories.

(1 Chr 18:1-6 NIV) David defeated the Philistines . . . David also defeated the Moabites . . . David fought Hadadezer king of Zobah . . . He put garrisons in the Aramean kingdom of Damascus, and the Arameans became subject to him and brought tribute. *The LORD gave David victory everywhere he went.*

Lesson #1: During Peaks in our Lives, be ________________ and ________________.

• Give God his ___________ (vs. 11).
• Continue in _________________ (vss. 12-13).
• Be _____________ and Just in your treatment of others (vs. 14).

Appreciate and Manage Your Good Times: Be humble and grateful. Do more of what got you there. Keep making things better. Do more for others. Saver resources for your upcoming Valleys.  
—Dr. Spencer Johnson, *Peaks and Valleys*

2. In Chapters 19 and 20, David Enters a ________________ Time.

(1 Chr 19:6-7 NIV) When the Ammonites realized that they had become a stench in David’s nostrils, Hanun and the Ammonites sent a thousand talents of silver to hire chariots and charioteers from Aram Naharaim, Aram Maacah and Zobah. {7} They hired thirty-two thousand chariots and charioteers, as well as the king of Maacah with his troops, who came and camped near Medeba, while the Ammonites were mustered from their towns and moved out for battle.

Lesson #2: During Valleys in our Lives, be ________________ and ________________ God.

• Be __________ and courageous in our obedience (vs. 13).

(1 Chr 19:13 NIV) “Be strong and let us fight bravely for our people and the cities of our God. The LORD will do what is good in his sight.”

• Remain ________________ in trials.

(James 1:12 NIV) *Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him.*

• Give God the gift of our ________________.

(Heb 11:6 NLT) *So, you see, it is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that there is a God and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him.*

Find and Use the Good Hidden in a Bad Time: Relax, knowing that Valleys end. Do the opposite of what put you in the Valley. Get outside of yourself: be of more service at work and more loving in life. Avoid comparisons. Uncover the good that is hidden in a bad time, and use it soon to your advantage.  
—Dr. Spencer Johnson

God’s Promise to Us: *R______________.*