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1 Samuel 30:21-31

An ancient proverb states: “For want of a nail the shoe was lost. For want of a shoe the horse was lost. For want of a horse the rider was lost. For want of a rider the battle was lost. For want of a battle the kingdom was lost. And all for the want of a horseshoe nail.” In life, those who are “out in front” are more likely to get the recognition for the hard work and success; and yet there are many in the background who make success possible. We may tend to consider those who are in the background as insignificant. Though some contributions may be unseen, they can be just as vital.

In 1 Samuel 30, some of those who had fought in the battle felt that those who had stayed behind should not share in the spoils of victory. But David established “a statute and ordinance for Israel” (v. 25a) that all should share alike, whether on the frontlines or in the background.

Be encouraged; even though we may not receive the praise of men today, we will receive our reward on that great Day of Judgment.

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