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Washington: Part 1: Steadiness Under Pressure

Calm Leaders Steady Others

Creek Kids Leaders,

Biographies have always been my preferred reading. I'm drawn to the leadership lessons that emerge from real lives and real struggles. Recently I finished Ron Chernow's *Washington: A Life*, and one example especially stood out. Washington's steadiness under pressure was incredible.

A powerful example was during the chaotic retreat from New York in 1776. The troops were scattered and British forces were





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pressing in, yet Washington rode his horse straight toward the front line. Chernow describes him sitting tall in the saddle, completely composed, rallying his men while cannon fire exploded around him. His calm in that moment steadied an entire, exhausted army.

In Ministry:

Sometimes a room full of two year olds or a table of energetic 3rd grade boys can feel a bit like battlefield chaos. In those moments your steady presence helps kids feel safe. Your calm often leads the room through the cannon fire.





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In Our Personal Lives:

Most of us carry pressures no one sees. Washington did too. But he learned to respond instead of react. Scripture calls us to this same Spirit led steadiness.

“You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you.” Isaiah 26:3

We can steady others because Christ is steadying us.

I am so thankful for you all!

Blessings,
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