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*2. There is a lesson for us in this, no matter how strong our national defense, without integrity in our leaders, holiness in the land, and an honest acknowledgement of God, we are vulnerable. As Psalm 33:16-18 says: “ No king is saved by the size of his army; no warrior escapes by his great strength. A horse is a vain hope for deliverance; despite all its great strength it cannot save. But the eyes of the LORD are on those who fear him, on those whose hope is in his unfailing love,”*

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*-Our work should not define us*

*5. Worry, anxiety about work comes because: we overextend ourselves, we don’t trust God to provide, or we don’t value God’s provision.*

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