

III. DAVID'S TROUBLES—16 1.  
Suffering As A Man After God's Own Heart  
"The Champion Remembers and Reminisces"

2 Samuel 23:1-39

Introduction. \_\_\_\_\_  
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I. FIRST, HE REMEMBERS AS AN  
**INSPIRED** LEADER [2 Samuel 23:1-7].

A. First, notice the opportunity of leadership [23:1-2].

B. Secondly, note the obligation of leadership [23:3-7].

1. First, the obligation of a ruler is to lead the people in the fear of the Lord [23:3-4].
2. Secondly, the obligation of a ruler is to let it be known when there is failure [23:5-7].

II. SECONDLY, HE REMINISCES AS AN  
**INTRIGUED** SUPERIOR [2 Samuel 23:8-39].

A. First, note how he identifies the first three Mighty Men [23:8-17].

1. First, there is Adino also known as Josheb-Basshebeth [23:8; 1 Chronicles 11:11].
2. Secondly, there is Eleaser the son of Dodo [23:9-10].

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**APPLICATION:** Look at a couple of Godly principles that were present in these first two men:

- **Principle #1**—A Godly man is one who preservers, even when the pressure against him is domineering. [23:10].
  - **Principle #2**—A Godly man is willing to pay the price to accomplish the will of God for his life, even if it means his own life.
3. Thirdly, there was Shammah the son of Agee [23:11-12].
- a. First, note the resolution he made [23:12].
  - b. Notice the reason he stood [23:12].
  - c. Consider the reward he received [23:12].
- (1) First, the Lord defeated the enemy [23:12b].
  - (2) The Lord defended the ground [23:12a].
- **Principle #3**—A man of God is one who provides an example of faith when everyone else is afraid.
  - **Principle #4**—A Godly man's perspective is accurate even when the picture is blurred.
  - **Principle #5**—In a similar way, a Godly man take a position in what is worth fighting for and what is worth giving up.

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Two things about these men that stand out and earned them a place in David's list of Mighty Men:

- First, these men were intensely *attached* to their leader.
- Secondly, they were entirely *abandoned* to their duty.

- **Principle #6—A Godly man is \_\_\_\_\_ for the Lord, even if the \_\_\_\_\_ is difficult.**

B. Secondly, note how he \_\_\_\_\_ two special Mighty Men [23:18-23].

These men are referred to in 2 Chronicles 11:20-25.

1. First to be introduced was \_\_\_\_\_ [23:18-19].

2. Second to be introduced was \_\_\_\_\_ [23:23].

C. Thirdly, consider how he \_\_\_\_\_ the other Mighty Men [23:24-39].

**CONCLUSION:** In closing this chapter, one may wonder what is the Lord showing His children in the present day and what are some lessons we should learn? Note some good lessons for the Christian:

1. **This chapter is \_\_\_\_\_ the Christian about the principle of shared leadership.**
2. **This chapter is \_\_\_\_\_ for the Christian that courage, like cowardice, is contagious.**

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3. **This chapter is \_\_\_\_\_ a whole lot about the measure of great men and women of God.**

- a. **Great men and women will \_\_\_\_\_ in times of crisis.**
- b. **Great men and women will \_\_\_\_\_ when others fall out and fail.**
- c. **Great men and women will \_\_\_\_\_ their preparation by their way of life.**
- d. **Great men and women will \_\_\_\_\_ when the odds are against them.**
- e. **Great men and women will \_\_\_\_\_ a willingness to die if need be.**
- f. **Great men and women will \_\_\_\_\_ with courage enough to identify themselves with God's anointed.**

**OUR ORDERS ARE CLEAR! MAY OUR COURAGE BE STRONG!**

CHALLENGE:

- **Stand for Christ in spite of \_\_\_\_\_.**
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