

MIGHTY

[2 Samuel 23]

1. May our decisions be made and actions be done in the **FEAR** of God and not for the **APPROVAL** of man. (*Proverbs 1:7, 9:10; Psalm 33:8, 111:10; Ecclesiastes 12:13; Galatians 1:10; 1 Thessalonians 2:4; John 12:43; Proverbs 29:25; Colossians 3:23; Acts 5:29; 2 Corinthians 5:9; Isaiah 2:22; 1 Corinthians 10:31*)
2. Jesus brings **LIGHT** into our darkness, **GROWTH** to our parched hearts, and **SECURITY** for our soul. (*Psalm 42:1-2, 63:1, 119:105; Matthew 5:6; John 1:1-5, 8:12; 2 Corinthians 4:6, 5:17; Ezekiel 11:19; Psalm 51:10; 2 Timothy 2:13; Psalm 16:8, 40:2; John 3:16; Ephesians 1:13; Romans 8:38-39; Philippians 1:6*)
3. Never underestimate the power of just **ONE** who is empowered by God. (*Matthew 17:20; Romans 5:19; John 6:1-13; Isaiah 6:8*)
4. **HANG ON** to the very end - even if others walk away. (*Hebrews 10:36, 12:1-3; James 1:12; Galatians 6:9,10; 2 Thessalonians 3:13; Ephesians 6:18; Romans 5:3-4; Revelation 2:10, 3:11; 1 Corinthians 16:13*)
5. Be ready and willing to take **RISKS** for the blessing and wellbeing of someone close to me. (*1 Samuel 14:6; 2 Timothy 1:7; Matthew 25:14-30; Hebrews 13:16; John 15:13; Luke 6:31*)
6. Every chance we get, let's **ROB** the **ENEMY** of what he would use against us. (*Colossians 2:15; 1 Corinthians 15:57; Ephesians 6:10; James 4:7; 1 John 4:4; Deuteronomy 20:4*)
7. To be mighty, you don't have to be the **BEST** - but you have to be **FAITHFUL** to what God has called you. (*1 Samuel 12:24, 22:1-2; 1 Corinthians 1:26-29, 4:2; Hebrews 11:6; Colossians 3:23-24*)



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1. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. David speaks of ruling justly and in the fear of God (verse 3). What is the fear of God? What is it not?
3. Many of David's mighty men started out "in distress...in debt...bitter in soul" (1 Samuel 22:1-1); they certainly didn't start out as mighty. What made these men mighty? What makes us 'mighty' for/in the Lord?
4. Eleazar and Shammah stood their ground / hung in there when the other men fled (vv.9-12). When are you tempted to 'walk away' from a responsibility / calling / opportunity? What helps us endure?
5. Two of David's mighty men (Abishai and Benaiah) never ranked as high as his 3 'top' mighty men (vv.19, 23). We often think we have to be the 'better than' someone else in order to be effective, but that is not true. How can a sense of competition (comparison) with others distract us from what God has called us to do?
6. Benaiah took the spear out of the Egyptian's hand and killed him with his own spear (verse 21). We compared this to opportunities we have to 'rob the enemy' of what he would use against us. How has Jesus robbed the enemy (see Colossians 2:15)? In what ways can we 'rob the enemy' in our daily walks with Christ?