

David's Mighty Men
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Text: I Samuel 22:1-2 (NLT)

A. Who came to the Cave.

1. The outlaws and outcasts.
2. Those who saw the Hand of God's favor on David.
3. Those who recognized David as the next King of Israel.
4. Those who God appointed to be there.

B. The Cave was.

1. A Place of Refuge.
2. They gave up the past in order for God to give them a better future.
3. They came as outcasts but became mighty men.
 - i. They came under the influence of David.
 - ii. God's presence has an impact on anyone who pursues it.
 - iii. The ripple effect.
4. Where they found strength and purpose.

I Chronicles 11:22-25 (NLT)

5. Transition and Growth.

6. Learned to praise the Lord.in the middle of the mess. (Ps. 34)

C. God is still looking for mighty men and women

Quote: If you preach the original gospel, you will get the original results.

Daniel 11:32 (NKJV)

1. The Path of a warrior starts with a single step.
2. God will grow those who set their heart on seeking God's will for their life. (Jeremiah 29:13)
3. It takes time and commitment to become a mighty man or woman.
4. There are cave seasons for every Christian. Trust the process.

Conclusions: Joseph had a prison; Moses had the desert; Jeremiah had a pit, Daniel had a den, Paul was in and out of jail so many times, like Motel Six, they "kept the light on for him." Even Jesus had a wilderness. Oh, he got a cave, too. He once spent three days in one. If Jesus had "cave-time," the cave won't be optional for you. Every believer gets "the cave."

Next Steps: Today I am:

1. Committing my life to Christ.
2. I need God's help I'm in the Cave.
3. I want all that God has for me.
4. My goal is to become a mighty Man / Woman.