

How Are We Going to Slay This Roaring Lion?

In 2 Samuel 23, the Word talks about King David's Mighty Men. The first one of the three mighty men of David was Josheb-Basshebeth, the chief among the captains of the Army.

He once killed 800 men at one time fighting for the king. If one man comes in and single-handedly destroys 800 guys by himself, he is a mighty warrior! Eleazar was one of the three mighty men with David when they defied the Philistines who were gathered there for battle, and the men of Israel had retreated. He arose and attacked the Philistines until his hand was weary, and his hand stuck to the sword.

When the epic battle was over they had to peel his hand off the sword because his grip was so strong and his commitment level was so high. The third of the mighty ones was Shammah; he was stationed in a field of lentils to protect this harvest from the Philistines.

When the enemy came to overtake the land, the Israelites were struck with fear, all but mighty Shammah. He defended the field of lentils and destroyed around 300 Philistines by himself. This would make him a mighty warrior. He fought for the land, harvest, family, king and God.

God is calling so many in the church today to stand up and become the mighty warrior that he has called them to be. Romans 8:37 says, "Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us." We must know who we are in God, we are His beloved children and we have an inheritance. Galatians 6:9 says, "And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."

King David also had other mighty men who fought for him. My personal favorite is Benaiah. The Bible speaks about three

great heroic feats that he did. He had killed two lion-like heroes of Moab.

These were not just any men; they were lion-like men, true champions for the people. So Benaiah took on and conquered two of them!

Then the Bible says he also had gone down and killed a lion in the midst of a pit on a snowy day. This lion was killing people and animals in this region so they set a trap and the lion fell into the pit. The people were probably all looking at one another asking, "Who wants to kill this lion? How are we going to kill this lion?" Benaiah took it upon himself to jump in the pit and face the problem FACE TO FACE.

Where are the mighty warriors of today who will jump into a pit and face America's problems face to face?

Then if that wasn't enough he fought a giant, the giant had a spear and Benaiah only had a club so he took the spear from the giant and killed him with his own weapon! Now that ladies and gentlemen is a mighty warrior!

You may ask what did all these mighty men have in common? They all followed King David. David killed a lion, so Benaiah killed a lion. David killed a giant, so Benaiah killed a giant.

You can always teach what you know but you reproduce who you are. The Bible shows us firsthand through the life of David that we will reproduce leaders like ourselves. The Bible says that King David was a man after God's own heart and, by the looks of David's men, God's heart is that of a mighty warrior.

There are a few simple questions I'd like to ask you. Who are you leading and where are you leading them to and also who is leading you and where are they leading you to? So, my question for you is are you becoming a mighty warrior and are you producing mighty warriors for the Lord?

Jeremiah 20:11 says, "But the LORD is with me as a mighty warrior. Therefore my persecutors will stumble, and will not prevail. They will be greatly ashamed, for they will not prosper. Their everlasting confusion will never be forgotten."

The Lord will always go before you and prepare a way for you. Our God fights our battles and prepares us to be his warriors on earth. Zephaniah 3:17 says, "The LORD your God is in your midst, The Mighty One, will save; He will rejoice over you with gladness, He will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing."

When God has a plan for you He will guide you and equip you and encourage you. Remember what the angel of the Lord spoke to Gideon, "The LORD is with you, you mighty man of valor!"

God is raising up a remnant of mighty warriors to become men and women of valor in these last days. Will you follow the leading of the Lord? It's time for an awakening to come to America.

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