I. 2 Sam 23:8 These are the names of the mighty men whom David had:
A. I am sure that each of us here understand that King David was a mighty warrior
   And fearless leader for the nation of Israel
1. But that is not what I want to look at today..... rather I want to look at three
   The lives of three men who served in David’s army
   a. The Bible calls these three men: “Mighty” / Def: champions, warriors

B. I have discovered from scripture and thru life experience that it is not enough for
   a local church just to have a good leader .... A warrior .... a faithful & fearless
   leader ...... Just as with David and his army
1. a local church is not just blessed or hindered from entering into it’s destiny
   based upon the Pastor alone.
   a. it also takes having Mighty Men / Mighty Women of God who play an
      active part in the make up of the spiritual army within a local church
2. Proof of that statement is seen thru Moses and the nation of Israel:
   a. Moses was a powerful and anointed leader, with vision & direction....
      The prophetic word & promises of God, sign & wonders in his ministry
      (1) But his calling, anointing & spiritual gifts alone were not enough in
          being able to fulfill the vision & bring Israel into the Promise Land
   b. Where Israel fell short is where many churches fall short today by not
      having enough Mighty Men & Women in their congregation / Army of
      Israel .... Thus making them unable to enter the Promise Land
   c. It takes both: the Pastor & the congregation becoming Mighty men &
      women of God, warriors, champions .... So we may fulfill God’s plan,
      purpose & destiny in our lives personally and corporately as a local church
      (2) Do we have any Mighty Men & women of God .... Any warriors ....
          any Champions in our midst today?
      (3) Believers who are filled with the Holy Ghost & walking in a fresh
          anointing
      (4) Believers who are filled with power instead of fear / 2 Tim 1:7
      (5) Believers who know how to “Fight the good fight of faith /1 Tim 6:12
      (6) Believers who are full of faith instead of doubt & unbelief/Matt 14:31
      (7) Believers who know how to Pray & intercede in the Spirit/ Jude vs 20
      (8) Believers full of unity instead of rebellion & division / Ps 133
          “for there The commanded the blessing Lord”
II. MIGHTY MAN #1 2 Sam 23:8 Josheb-Basshebeth the Tachmonite, chief among the captains. He was called Adino the Eznite, because he had killed eight hundred men at one time.

A. How could one man kill eight hundred men by himself in one battle?
   1. The answer is found in the meaning of his name:
      a. Def Josheb-Basshebeth: one who sits in the seat
         (1) This man was chief among the captains
         (2) He understood who he was
         (3) He understood the authority of his position he sat in
         (4) And tapped into a supernatural anointing of delegated authority

B. When the Born Again, Spirit Filled believer:
   1. understand who they are in Christ: victories manifest
      a. Rom 8:37 “Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.
   2. When the Born Again, Spirit Filled believer understands: where they are Seated in Christ: victorious manifest
      a. Eph 2:6 and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,
         (1) We are more than conquerors because of being seated in heavenly places in Christ Jesus who has given us the delegated authority of Jesus Mighty Name
         (2) Matt 28:18 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.
            19 Go therefore……..
            (a) mighty men & woman of God / champions / victorious warriors flowing in Delegated authority while in the midst of spiritual warfare
               (1) David said: Ps 144:1”Blessed be the Lord my Rock, Who trains my hands for war, And my fingers for battle —“
                  (a) as God’s champions our hands are trained for war & fingers for the battle because your hands are anointed:
                     (1) to lay hands on the sick
                     (2) to cast out devils raise in worship
                     (3) and clap in praise
                     (4) to impart a blessing
                     (1) are there any Mighty men & woman of God in the House
                     (2) are there any warriors & champions in the midst of the congregation who have taken their seat in the spirit realm
III. Mighty Man #2: 2 Sam 23:9 And after him was Eleazar the son of Dodo, the Ahohite, 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.

10 He arose and attacked the Philistines until his hand was weary, and his hand stuck to the sword. The Lord brought about a great victory that day; and the people returned him only to plunder

A. Def Eleazar: God is helper

1. Every time Eleazar said his name ..... every time someone called Eleazar by Name:
   (a) he was reminded of the fact that regardless of what he faced: GOD WAS HIS HELPER

2. Do you know that we have been given that very same promise?
   a. Right now as you sit in this sanctuary
      (1) hearing the Word of God preached
      (2) as you life your voice to Jesus in praise & worship
      (3) as you utter your prayer unto Our Heavenly Father
      (4) as you battle the powers of darkness
         (a) God will send you help

B. Look at the key that made Eleazar a Mighty Man of God, warrior, champion:

1. “He arose and attacked the Philistines”…
   a. Eleazar did not just sit there and do nothing ..... he did not lay down & give up ..... Rather: “He arose & attacked” the enemy
   (1) Do you remember what the lepers said as they sat outside the walls of the city that were under siege by the enemy?
      (a) 2 Ki 7:3 “Why sit we here until we die”
          (1) mighty men & women of God, warriors, champions do not sit idly by in the midst of the battle…. The arise & attack the powers of darkness
      (b) If we are willing to move in faith the bible declares in Isa 60:1 “Arise, shine: for thy light is come (JESUS), and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee”
2. Next it tells us that Eleazar:

   “2 Sam 23:10 “He arose and attacked the Philistines until his hand was weary, and his hand stuck to the sword.

a. The **“SWORD”** in scripture is a type and shadow of the **Word of God**:

   (1) Listed as part of the Whole Armor of God it says in:

      Eph 6:17 “the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God;”

   (a) **Def Word / Rhema**: God spoken word from the scriptures to your heart

b. The Sword in scripture is also a type and shadow of the prophetic word spoken over your life that you are to stand upon in the midst of spiritual warfare with:

   (1) 1 Tim 1:18 “This charge I commit to you, son Timothy, according to the prophecies previously made concerning you, that by them you may wage the good warfare,

c. Is there an Eleazar, a champion, a mighty man or woman of God, a warrior In the house?

   (1) who in the midst of the battle of life and ministry ….. no matter how weary you become …. Continue to weld, speak, declare, preach, teach & stand upon the Word of God

   (2) refusing to drop your sword, refusing to let go of the promise of God, refusing to give up on the prophetic word spoken into your life

   (3) Until God does for you what, He did for Eleazar:

      (a) **The Lord brought about a great victory that day**

3. The victory that Eleazar archieved with his sword was so great that the bible says:

   C. 2 Sam 23:10 “**the people returned him only to plunder**”

   Amp Trans 2 Sam 23:10 “the men returned after him only to take the spoil”

   1. Eleazar’s victory blessed the lives of others

      a. Do we have Mighty men & women of God, warriors, champions in our Midst who want to see victory manifest that goes beyond just blessing Their life, their ministry….. and desire to see their Brothers & Sisters In Christ reap the spoils of victory in Jesus Name

IV. **Mighty Man #3** 2 Sam 23:11 2 Sam 23:11 “And after him was Shammah the son of Agee the Hararite. The Philistines had gathered together into a troop where there was a piece of ground full of lentils. So the people fled from the Philistines. 12 But he stationed himself in the middle of the field, defended it, and killed the Philistines. So the Lord brought about a great victory.
A. **Shammah:**
1. This was the season of harvest, and as usual the Philistines had come again to rob the people of God of their harvest:
2. Shammah was the son of Agee / **Def Agee:** I shall increase
   a. Shammah was tired of the enemy constantly stealing their harvest / increase
   b. The bible says “the people fled” ….. but Shammah “stationed himself in the middle of the field”
      (1) Shammah was tired of the enemy stealing their harvest, so he defended his harvest / defended his increase & defeated his enemy
      (2) Because Shammah refused to run from his enemy the bible says that:
         (a) “The Lord brought about a great victory”

B. **Are you tired of the devil stealing your harvest?**
1. Then determine in your heart like Shammah did to station yourself
   a. The scripture says Eph 6:13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, **to stand.**
      14 **Stand therefore……..**
      (1) if we will quit running from our fears and powers of darkness, and be the Mighty men & women of God we are called to be, be the warriors Anointed and using our spiritual weapons, be the Champions Jesus has Made us to be
      (2) and put on the whole armor of God
      (3) and stand therefore ….. God will bring about a great victory
         (a) in your life
         (b) and for His kingdom

V. **Show you one more attribute** that was in all three of these **three Mighty Men:**
2 Sam 23:13 Then three of the thirty chief men went down at harvest time and came to David at the cave of Adullam. And the troop of Philistines encamped in the Valley of Rephaim.
14 David was then in the stronghold, and the garrison of the Philistines was then in Bethlehem.
15 And David said with longing, "Oh, that someone would give me a drink of the water from the well of Bethlehem, which is by the gate!"
16 So the three mighty men broke through the camp of the Philistines, drew water from the well of Bethlehem that was by the gate, and took it and brought it to David. Nevertheless he would not drink it, but poured it out to the Lord.
17 And he said, "Far be it from me, O Lord, that I should do this! Is this not the blood of the men who went in jeopardy of their lives?" Therefore he would not drink it. …..These things were done by the three mighty men.
A. King David utters a desire:
   a. 2 Sam 23:15 "Oh, that someone would give me a drink of the water from the well of Bethlehem, which is by the gate!"
      (1) Bethlehem was under the control of the Philistines
   1. David just utters a desire to drink water from the well of Bethlehem
      a. These three Mighty Men, these three warriors, champions without regard to their own life
      c. fought their way thru the camp of the Philistines, and brought water from
      d. that well to their leader, to their king:
   2. The scriptures show us how deeply King David was moved by the loyalty & bravery of these three Mighty Men
      a. David then shows his gratefulness to God for having such men in his army and honored them by pouring out that drink of water as an offering unto The Lord

C. 2 Tim 2:3 You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.
   4 No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier.
   1. What would be our response if you and I heard our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ utter the desire of His heart
      a. would it be:
         (1) that is not my ministry
         (2) or my ministry & my needs come first
         (3) or what’s in it for me
   2. Or are we Champions, warriors, Mighty men & woman of God
      a. who at no consideration of our life, our needs, our ministry break thru the ranks of the powers darkness & brink King Jesus the desire of His heart thru our obedience & servanthood?
   3. Let me take it a step further: What would happen if you just happen to hear Pastor JoAnn utter a desire of her heart …. Something that needs done in The church …. Some ministry that needs fulfilled … a need that has to be met
      a. What would be your response
         (1) That is not my ministry
         (2) besides I believe in “me first” …. What’s in it for me
         (3) Or are you a CHAMPION
   4. Let’s take it a little further:
      a. what would be your response if you heard your spouse …. Or boss on the job utter the desire of their heart?
         (1) would you be a Champion, Mighty man / woman of God?