

After God's Own Heart

"A Man After God's Own Heart Multiplies Himself"

June 21, 2015 – 2 Samuel 23

Our Sermon Series

AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART		
A 13-Week Study of the Life of David from 1 and 2 Samuel		
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Ten Observations about David's Mighty Men (2 Samuel 23:8-39)

- David had two inner circles of Three (23:8-17) and Thirty (23:18-38).

David	Jesus
3	3
30	12
600 soldiers	70 and 120
Israel	Crowds

- He called these comrades his "_____ " (23:8).
- They were all valiant men who were courageous in battle (23:8-39).
- They produced. They fought effectively and won battles and expanded the king's kingdom (23:8-39).
- They were loyal to David (23:13-17).
- David trained some of these men to be "giant killers" (21:15-22).
- Although they are called the "Thirty," there are actually 37 names listed (23:38) indicating that some of these men died in battle and were replaced. Asahel (23:24) would be one example (2 Samuel 2:23).
- None of the names of David's sons are found in this list of "mighty men." Why not?
- Joab's name is not listed as one of the Three or Thirty? Why not?
- David betrayed one of his mighty men (23:38).

Application #1 – With God's help and power, I choose to be a mighty man of God myself.

How to be a mighty man of God:

1. _____ with God.

- Start a personal relationship with God:

God, I want a personal relationship with You. I confess that I have sinned against You, and I am sorry. Thank You, Jesus, for dying for my sins on the cross and for rising from the dead to defeat sin, death, and the devil. Jesus, I receive You into my life. I receive Your forgiveness of my sins and the free gift of eternal life. Now change me into the person You want me to be.

- Tell the whole world that you have done this through public water baptism. Our next immersion baptism service will be on Sunday, August 30, following the second service. To sign up, contact Joy at jperoza@whatisgrace.org or 281-646-1903 x.111.
- Baptism Video: "At the Cross" [1:54] – baptisms from June 8
- Genesis 5:24 – Enoch walked with God.**
- Kent Hughes says to walk with someone is to have a "mutual agreement of the soul" (Amos 3:3). To walk with someone you must be traveling to the same place along the same path at the same pace.
- Application – Lord, I want to walk in mutual agreement of the soul with You. I want to walk with You to the same place, along the same path, and at the same pace.
 - The same place: Where is God going?
 - The same path: What is God's path?
 - The same pace: What is God's pace?

2. Be _____.

- David's mighty men were courageous and were willing to stand their ground when everyone else was fleeing (23:8-12).
- Application – With God's help by the infilling of His Spirit, I will be brave:
 - I will stand my ground for my beliefs even if the entire culture seems to be drifting in a different direction.
 - I will fight for my family by protecting my time with them and our time together as a family.
 - I will fight for my family protecting them against ungodly media and pornography and unsafe situations. (Covenant Eyes filters; cell phone user agreements; driving covenant; etc.)
 - I will fight for my country on my knees.
 - I will fight for my country by researching the positions of candidates and voting for biblical standards.

3. Do your job exceptionally well as unto the Lord.

- David's mighty men worked and fought hard for their leader.
- **Colossians 3:23-24** – *Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.*

4. Be _____ to your God and to your leaders.

- David's mighty men were so loyal to him that they were willing to risk their lives just to go and get him a drink of water from his favorite well (23:13-17).

Application #2 – With God's help and power, I choose to develop others into mighty men of God.

How to develop others into mighty men of God:

1. Be one yourself.

2. _____ it for and _____ it to others.

- David practiced the tried and true model of apprenticeship:

Principle	Example
<i>I do. You watch.</i>	David kills the giant Goliath.
<i>We do together.</i>	David fights many battles alongside his men.
<i>You do. I watch.</i>	David's men begin to defeat giants themselves.

- 2 Samuel 21:15-22 is an account of four of David's men who became giant killers themselves: Abishai, Sibbecai, Elhanan, and Jonathan.
- David (a giant killer) taught others how to become giant killers.
- **2 Timothy 2:2** – *And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others.*
- Application – This is the art of parenting – modeling the Jesus life for our children and teaching them how to live for Christ.
 - An area of the Christian life that I need to grow in order to better model it for my children is...
 - A practical Christian teaching that I need to convey to my children is...
- Video: "Like Dad" [2:49] found at SkitGuys.com
- Application – This is the art of discipleship – modeling the Jesus life for others and teaching them how to live for Christ.
- Prayerfully consider serving in children's ministry to disciple kids.
- Prayerfully consider starting and leading a new small group. Our next Small Group Leader Training is on Sunday, August 2, from 2-5 p.m. If interested, contact Julia Johnson at jjohnson@whatisgrace.org or 281-646-1903 x.175.

3. _____ for others.

- One of the chief attributes of David was that he was a man of prayer and communion with God. This is most evident in all the prayers he authored in the Book of Psalms.
- Application – Pray for your children. Pray for those whom you are discipling.
- Stormie Omartian: "Prayer is the greatest gift we can give to anyone. Of course, if someone needs food, clothes, and a place to live, those needs must be met. But in giving that way, we can't neglect to pray for them as well. Material things are temporary, but our prayers for another person can affect them for a lifetime. We can never move into all God has for us until we first move into intercessory prayer. This is one part of our calling that we have in common, because we are all called to pray for others. God wants us to love others enough to go to battle for them as prayer warriors on their behalf."

4. _____ into others.

- **Proverbs 18:21** – *The tongue has the power of life and death, and those who love it will eat its fruit.*
- **Proverbs 18:21** (The Message) – *Words kill, words give life; they're either poison or fruit – you choose.*
- **Ephesians 4:29** – *Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.*
- Charles Wisdom's practice with his grandchildren
- Video: "Man of God" [4:35] found at SkitGuys.com