

DAVID'S MIGHTY MEN:

THE OTHER

BAND OF BROTHERS



## 1 Samuel 22:1-2

1 So David departed from there and escaped to the cave of Adullam; and when his brothers and all his father's household heard of it, they went down there to him.

2 Everyone who was in **distress**, and everyone who was **in debt**, and everyone who was **discontented** gathered to him; and he became captain over them. Now there were about four hundred men with him.

# Men of Humble Beginnings

- These men were the undesirables of the nation
- The distressed, the in debt, the discontent
- 400 men in a cave
- Nothing was expected anti-authority deadbeats
- But they were exposed to David and everything changed...

# The Crucible of Shared Suffering

- For years these men shared their lives
- Alone they were isolated and focused on their own misfortunes
- Together they suffered and watched David suffer
- Together with the united purpose of “follow the king”
- Together they ceased to be what they were and began to be... Heroes



## 2Samuel 23:8-12

**2Samuel 23:8** These are the names of the mighty men whom David had: Josheb-basshebeth a Tahchemonite, chief of the captains, he was called Adino the Eznite, because of eight hundred slain by him at one time; 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mighty men with David when they defied the Philistines who were gathered there to battle and the men of Israel had withdrawn. He arose and struck the Philistines until his hand was weary and clung to the sword, and the LORD brought about a great victory that day; and the people returned after him only to strip the slain.



## 2Samuel 23:8-12

2Samuel 23:11 Now after him was Shammah the son of Agee a Hararite. And the Philistines were gathered into a troop where there was a plot of ground full of lentils, and the people fled from the Philistines. But he took his stand in the midst of the plot, defended it and struck the Philistines; and the LORD brought about a great victory.

# Josheb-basshebeth a Tahchemonite

- Lit. The sitter who sits. The remainder who remains, the dweller who dwells.
- 800 confirmed killed in one battle
- God has great work for us to do. God-sized work. Are we willing? Available?
- Nicknamed Adino the Eznite Lit. “The spear is strong”
- The names you have been called do not need to stick
- Our children are looking up to us—are we doing anything worth emulating?

# Eleazer: God is Help

- David and the Israelites defied the invasion force of the Philistines
- Scripture does not tell us why but things initially go poorly and the Israelites flee
- On and on and on he fought till he couldn't even let go of his sword
- The day was won and God gets the glory
- When was the last time we prayed like we were all that stood between our loved ones and hell?

# Shammah: The Unlikeliest Hero

- Once again God uses the threat of defeat to reveal hero
- In a cave full of desolation Shammah's name means "desolate"
- The mascot of the cave of Adullum takes a stand on a "hill of beans"
- **YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES!**
- Defend the innocent, the voiceless, those who cannot defend themselves
- The Lord brought about a great victory for Israel because a man called desolate defended something humble