



REFLECTION / DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Pick a few questions from below and reflect this week, or choose 4-5 to discuss in your home group.

- Have you ever had a great boss like David described in 2 Samuel 23:2-6?
- If you knew you were terminally ill and were to write down your final public words, what would you write?
- David claims in v2 that the Spirit of the Lord spoke to him and through him. What is your understanding of how God speaks through people or through the Bible?
- Which of the mighty men listed stands out the most to you? What was it about him that caused you to choose him? In what ways can we emulate him today?
- In your opinion, who are some of the mighty-people affecting Christianity today? Who is fighting alongside you today?
- Read vv13-17. What do you think about David pouring out the water his soldiers risked their lives for? What spiritual lesson is there in that story for you?
- Read vv9-12. In your opinion, was it Eleazar or Shammah that won the battles described? How does your answer affect your view of whether victories are won by human effort or by God alone?
- Which of the wrap-up ideas in the sermon most impacted you? Why?



THINK ABOUT IT

David's Mighty Men, 2 Samuel 23

OVERVIEW

2 Samuel 23 opens with David's final *public* words, autobiographical in nature, and dripping with godly leadership principles. But, the majority of the chapter is a memorial to the "mighty men" of David. The list names thirty-seven in all, along with a sampler of some of the feats that made them stand out in David's mind. The thirty-seven are broken out into three distinct groupings: The Three, The Two, and the final "Thirty," which is actually thirty-two. "Thirty" was a military term used to for a small grouping of soldiers, not always exactly thirty.

SERMON OUTLINE & REFERENCES

David's Mighty Men, 2 Samuel 23

- **Leadership 101.** 2 Samuel 23:1-6; Psalm 78:72; 2 Peter 1:21
- **David's Mighty Men.** 2 Samuel 23:7-39;
 - The Three. Vv8-12
 - The Two. Vv.13-23
 - The Thirty. Vv.24-39
- **Wrap Up:**
 1. **Do life with intention.** Genesis 22:21; John 19:30; 2 Timothy 4:7
 2. **Do life together.** Genesis 2:18; Ecclesiastes 4:9-10;
 3. **Do life entirely, completely & desperately reliant upon God.** John 15:5