

Profiles in Courage

2 Samuel 23:8-39; 1 Chronicles 11:10-43

I. Roll Call of David’s “Mighty Men”

- A. “The Three” (Medal of Honor) (23:8-12)
 - 1. “Josh” (Chief of the Three): Slayer of 300/800 (23:8)
 - 2. Eleazar: The Warrior with the Vice-Grip (23:9-10)
 - 3. Shammah: Defender of the Lentil Plot (23:11-12)
- B. “The Thirty” (23:13-39)
 - 1. A Heroic Exploit (23:13-17)
 - a. David’s wish (23:13-15)
 - b. The actions of the three (23:16a)
 - c. David’s response (23:16b-17)
 - 2. Two Noteworthy Leaders (Distinguished Service Cross) (18-23)
 - a. Abishai the Trigger-Happy: Commander of The Thirty (23:18-19)
 - b. Benaiah the Lion-Heart: Commander of David’s Bodyguard (23:20-24)
 - 3. The Elite Warriors (The Names on the Wall) (24-39)

II. Lessons in Valor

- A. Courage, like cowardice, is _____.
- B. Heroes emerge in a time of _____.
- C. Heroes step forward when others give in to _____.
- D. Heroes are not born; they are _____ in the crucible of _____.
- E. Heroes are undeterred by unfavorable _____.

F. Heroes are motivated by values greater than the preservation of their own _____.

G. Heroes work and train very hard; but in the end they trust in _____ for the victory.

H. Heroes go above and beyond the call of duty – out of _____, _____, and _____.

I. Heroes emerge where courage is _____, valued, and rewarded.

J. Heroes don't always win the battle, but they always _____ _____ _____.

K. Heroes are those who have the courage to identify themselves with God's _____.