

# Study Questions

## The Mighty in the Lord, Pt 1

### 2 Samuel 23:8-17

- 1) **READ** 2 Samuel 23:8-12. What things do these men have in common? By reading the passage only, how would you say these men became mighty?<sup>1</sup> How we read and understand a Biblical passage depends on whether or not we have a relationship with the Lord. Why can this be said of the Bible and not any other printed material? What can be the result of someone who doesn't have a relationship with Christ but then attempt to explain Scripture (**READ** 1 Co 2:10-16)? With that understood, how did these men really attain their mightiness?
- 2) What was the purpose of this select group of mighty men (2 Sa 23:8a, 9, 12, 13-17)? What type of people are celebrated in our society with similar occupations? All ministries of the church are equally important in the eyes of God. Why do we seem to value some over others? What is the purpose of your ministry?
- 3) In the message it was stated, *"Being a mighty man or woman of God requires being in situations where the odds are stacked against you?"* Think about the heroes of our faith. Can you provide a list of names of believers in which the odds were stack against them? Refer to Hebrews 11 as a primer. As a whole would you say these individuals were involved in situations that seemed almost impossible to overcome? Did all of them overcome their situations?
- 4) In 2 Sam 23:8-12 a list of three mightiest men were mentioned. "God allows us to do great things with the little we have." What little did they have to overcome their situation? Have you ever thought you didn't have enough to accomplish what you need to do? Does that stop you from moving ahead? What are some of the things you want to do and what's preventing you from doing them? What part does the work of the Spirit play in you moving forward?

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<sup>1</sup> Strong, mighty and impetuous. Oftentimes used of a soldier or a hero. People whose deeds seem to extraordinary in some regards.

- 5) **READ** 2 Sam 23:18-19. There were over 30 mighty men (cf. vv 24-39). Yet there were three who were the mightiest of all. Is that a point of jealousy, competition, celebration or demeaning another? As you read through our passage was there any moments when jealousy begin to rise up? What is the correct attitude of a Christian when God uses our friends in extraordinary ways?
- 6) When God equips His people He does it in spectacular ways sometimes, not always. **READ** Psalm 22:28-31. What can the Lord accomplish through you?