

THE MAKING OF A “HISTORY MAKER II”

“MIGHTY WARRIORS”

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Opening Discussion:

As we continue our series on “History Makers”, we turn our attention toward the militant side of Christianity and the characteristics of those who make up God’s Mighty Warriors”. This, of course, begs the question: Are Christians even supposed to be militant? If so, how?

***II Cor 10:3-4a** - “For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. **The weapons we fight with** are not the weapons of the world...”

***I Sam 22:2 / I Chron 12:1** - “All those who were in **distress**, or in **debt**, or **discontented**, gathered around him (David) and he became their leader.” // “These were the men who came to David ... they were among the **warriors** who helped him in battle...”

*SEVEN CHARACTERISTICS OF “MIGHTY WARRIORS”... (I Chron 12)

1. _____
*2 they were armed with bows and were able to shoot arrows or to sling stones **right-handed or left-handed**...*

***Discussion:**

1. Why is this point so important? How is it often “excused” away?
2. Who did we talk about last Sunday that really illustrated this point?

2. _____
*8 And of the Gadites there **separated themselves unto David** into the hold to the wilderness men of might...* (KJV)
II Cor 6:17 - “Therefore come out from them and be **separate**, says the Lord...”

***Discussion:**

1. Why do so many Christians write this off?
2. Yet, why is this point so important?

3. _____
*8 “...men of war **fit** for the battle...”* (KJV)
Eph 6:13 - “Therefore **put on the full armor of God**, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, ...”

***Discussion:**

1. What are the two meanings of “fit” that Rich covered in this point?
2. What two areas are exposed when wearing this armor?

4. _____
*8 “...whose faces were like the **faces of lions**...”* (KJV)
Prov 28:1 - “The righteous are **bold** as a lion ...”
Heb 10:35 - “Cast not away your **confidence**...”
Rom 8:28 - “And we **know**...”

***Discussion:** What two different points came from this point? Expound on each.

5.

8 "...they were as **swift** as gazelles..."

Acts 8:29,30 - "The Spirit told Philip, '**Go to that chariot ... Then Philip ran...**'"

***Discussion:**

1. What does it mean for us to be "swift as gazelles"?
2. How did Philip illustrate this?
3. Can you give any examples of this and how it was important that you swiftly obeyed?

6.

9 Ezer was the **chief**, Obadiah the **second in command**, Eliab the **third**, 10 Mishmannah the **fourth**, Jeremiah the **fifth**, 11 Attai the **sixth**, Eliel the **seventh**, 12 Johanan the **eighth**, Elzabad the **ninth**, 13 Jeremiah the **tenth** and Macbannai the **eleventh**. 14 These Gadites were **army commanders**."

Heb 13:17 - "**Obey your leaders and submit to their authority**"

***Discussion:**

1. What do all these names in a row tell us?
2. Why is submission so important? Why is it sometimes so hard?

7.

15 It was they who crossed the Jordan in the first month **when it was overflowing all its banks**"

***Discussion:**

1. What is the significance of the river being flooded?
2. Can you share an example from your life when you had to persevere through hardship?

Conclusion: So, why "Mighty Warriors"? So, we can boast about how great we are?

No! I Chron 12:38 states it best....

"All these were fighting men who volunteered to serve in the ranks. They came to Hebron fully determined to make David (Jesus) king over all Israel (the world)."