

# Profiles in Courage

**“quit you like men”**

(1 Corinthians 16:13, KJV)

**Courage is not backing down or giving up**

*<sup>8</sup>These are the names of David's mighty warriors: Josheb-Basshebeth, a Tahkemonite, was chief of the Three; he raised his spear against eight hundred men, whom he killed in one encounter.  
(2 Samuel 23:8)*

*<sup>9</sup>Next to him was Eleazar son of Dodai the Ahohite. As one of the three mighty warriors, he was with David when they taunted the Philistines gathered at Pas Dammim for battle.*

*Then the Israelites retreated, <sup>10</sup>but Eleazar stood his ground and struck down the Philistines till his hand grew tired and froze to the sword. The Lord brought about a great victory that day.  
(2 Samuel 23:9-10)*

**Courage is taking the initiative for the honor of your king**

*<sup>13</sup>During harvest time, three of the thirty chief warriors came down to David at the cave of Adullam, while a band of Philistines was encamped in the Valley of Rephaim. . .*

*<sup>15</sup>David longed for water and said, “Oh, that someone would get me a drink of water from the well near the gate of Bethlehem!” <sup>16</sup>So the three mighty warriors broke through the Philistine lines, drew water from the well near the gate of Bethlehem and carried it back to David.  
(2 Samuel 23:13,15-16a)*

► **Things I learned about serving Jesus from my father . . .**

- You don't have to be \_pastor\_ to be a \_minister\_
- Volunteer \_ministry\_ is worth \_sacrificing\_ for
- You stay \_faithful\_ even if the place isn't \_perfect\_
- \_People\_ are more important than \_programs\_

**Courage is \_facing\_ your \_fears\_ and \_confronting\_  
your \_limitations\_**

*<sup>20</sup>Benaiah son of Jehoiada, a valiant fighter from Kabzeel, performed great exploits. He struck down Moab's two mightiest warriors. He also went down into a pit on a snowy day and killed a lion.*

*<sup>21</sup>And he struck down a huge Egyptian. Although the Egyptian had a spear in his hand, Benaiah went against him with a club. He snatched the spear from the Egyptian's hand and killed him with his own spear.*

*<sup>23</sup> . . . And David put him in charge of his bodyguard.  
(2 Samuel 23:20-21,23b)*

***"All things are possible with God."  
(Jesus, Mark 10:27b)***

***<sup>37</sup>No, in all these things we are more than conquerors  
through him who loved us.  
(Romans 8:37)***