

# THE MIGHTY PEOPLE OF GOD

2 Samuel 23:8-24:25

And we urge you, brothers, admonish the idle, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with them all.  
*1 Thessalonians 5:14*

## HELPING OTHERS IN BATTLE

23:8-39

God provided His power and His \_\_\_\_\_ to assist David in his role as God's chosen king.  
David's 37 mighty men supported David on his difficult journey from a pasture to a palace.  
The lengths to which David's men would go for him attest to David's caring leadership.  
David's mighty men were outstanding warriors, but also outstanding encouragers of David.

*WHEN BELIEVERS FACE BATTLES*  
*Remind them of their \_\_\_\_\_ from God.*  
*Patiently support them on their journey to maturity.*  
*Serve them from your heart and not from obligation.*

## HELPING OTHERS IN WEAKNESS

24:1-9

Satan tempted David to take a census. God allowed the temptation.  
But neither God nor Satan forced David to sin.  
The census brought David's pride in the great strength of his army to the surface.  
God used the census to discipline Israel for the unknown sins which angered Him.  
Joab saw the sin in David's command and reminded David that \_\_\_\_\_ was Israel's strength.

*WHEN BELIEVERS ARE WEAK*  
*Boldly bring God into the picture.*  
*Ask questions to cause them to consider their motives.*  
*Call sin a sin and remind them personal sin becomes others' \_\_\_\_\_.*

## HELPING OTHERS FACE CONSEQUENCES

24:10-25

David recognized his sin was \_\_\_\_\_ against God and sought God for His forgiveness.  
God sent Gad to help David as he faced the consequences of his sin. David chose pestilence.  
David built an altar where Abraham had built an altar offering his son Isaac years earlier.  
The Lord accepted David's sacrificial offerings, and the plague departed from Israel.

*WHEN BELIEVERS FACE CONSEQUENCES*  
*Seek God on their behalf.*  
*Offer \_\_\_\_\_ in their distress.*  
*Guide them to better spiritual places.*

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**GALATIANS 6:10** So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

**PHILIPPIANS 1:6** And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

**1 CHRONICLES 21:3** But Joab said, “May the LORD add to his people a hundred times as many as they are! Are they not, my lord the king, all of them my lord’s servants? Why then should my lord require this? Why should it be a cause of guilt for Israel?”

**PSALM 20:7** Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God.

**PSALM 44:6-8** For not in my bow do I trust, nor can my sword save me. But you have saved us from our foes and have put to shame those who hate us. In God we have boasted continually, and we will give thanks to your name forever.

**2 CORINTHIANS 7:1** Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of *body* and *spirit*, bringing holiness to completion in the fear of God.

**1 SAMUEL 14:6** Jonathan said to the young man who carried his armor, “Come, let us go over to the garrison of these uncircumcised. It may be that the LORD will work for us, for nothing can hinder the LORD from saving by many or by few.”

**1 CHRONICLES 21:16-17** And David lifted his eyes and saw the angel of the LORD standing between earth and heaven, and in his hand a drawn sword stretched out over Jerusalem. Then David and the elders, clothed in sackcloth, fell upon their faces. And David said to God, “Was it not I who gave command to number the people? It is I who have sinned and done great evil. But these sheep, what have they done? Please let your hand, O LORD my God, be against me and against my father’s house. But do not let the plague be on your people.”

**PHILIPPIANS 2:3-4** Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.