

## Greatest Stories Never Told



### Lesson 2: David (May 4, 2014)

**1 Samuel 22:1** So David got away and escaped to the Cave of Adullam. When his brothers and others associated with his family heard where he was, they came down and joined him. *Message Bible*

**1 Samuel 22:2** Not only that, but all who were down on their luck came around—losers and vagrants and misfits of all sorts. David became their leader. There were about four hundred in all. *Message Bible*

"Give me your tired, your poor,

Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,

The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.

Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me,"

Jesus wants to take you from the cave to the castle

#### David's mighty men 11 years after coming to the cave of Adullam

**2 Samuel 23:8** These are the names of David's mighty men: Josheb-basshebeth, a Tahkemonite, was chief of the Three; he raised his spear against eight hundred men, whom he killed in one encounter. *New International Version*

**2 Samuel 23:18** Abishai son of Zeruiah, the brother of Joab, was the leader of the Thirty. He once used his spear to kill 300 enemy warriors in a single battle. It was by such feats that he became as famous as the Three. **19** Abishai was the most famous of the Thirty and was their commander, though he was not one of the Three. *New Living Translation SE*

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**1 Chronicles 11:22** Benaiah son of Jehoiada was a valiant fighter from Kabzeel, who performed great exploits. He struck down two of Moab's best men. He **also went down into a pit on a snowy day and killed a lion.** **23** And he struck down an Egyptian who was seven and a half feet tall. Although the Egyptian had a spear like a weaver's rod 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. ***New International Version***

#### **4 Steps From The Cave to The Castle**

1. Fear God in your cave

**Psalms 34:7** The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, **and he delivers them.** ***New International Version***

**Psalms 34:9** Fear the LORD, you his saints, for those who fear him **lack nothing.** ***New International Version***

- To fear God means we realize He's in control and we must answer to Him for how we live our lives (Matthew 10:28, 2Corinthians 5:10-11)

#### **4 Steps From The Cave to The Castle**

2. Trust God in your cave

**Psalms 34:6** This poor man called, and the LORD heard him; he **saved him out of all his troubles.** ***New International Version***

**Psalms 34:22** The LORD **redeems his servants;** no one will be condemned who takes refuge in him. ***New International Version***

- Like David we must believe that no matter what we face God will come through for us (Romans 8:31, 2Timothy 4:18, Philippians 4:13)

#### **4 Steps From The Cave to The Castle**

3. Seek God in your cave

**Psalms 34:5** Those who **look to him** are radiant; their faces are never covered with shame. ***New International Version***

**Psalms 34:8** Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the man who takes

refuge in him. *New International Version*

- We're told to seek God while in the caves of life (Colossians 3:16, Joshua 1:8, Matthew 7:7-8)

#### **4 Steps From The Cave to The Castle**

4. Praise God in your cave

*Psalms 34:1* I will extol the LORD at all times; **his praise will always be on my lips.** **2** My soul will boast in the LORD; let the afflicted hear and rejoice. **3** Glorify the LORD with me; let us exalt his name together. *New International Version*

- Praise will fill us with God's life (Psalms 22:3, Galatians 5:16)