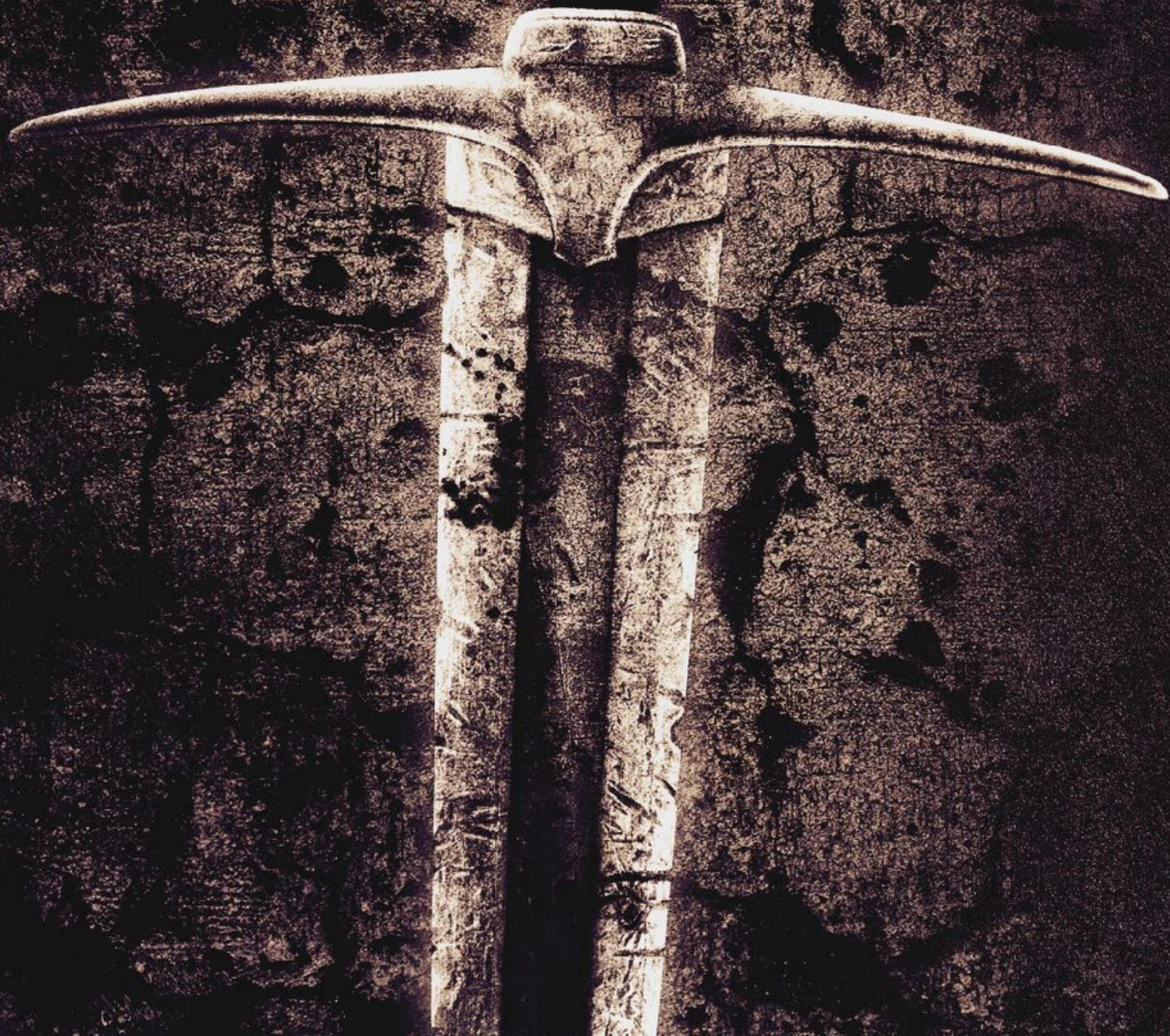




WELCOME

We are glad you came!



David's Mighty Men



The Three

- JASHOBEAM
- ELEAZAR
- SHAMMAH



Abishai



Jashobeam



Shammah



Eleazar



Benaiah

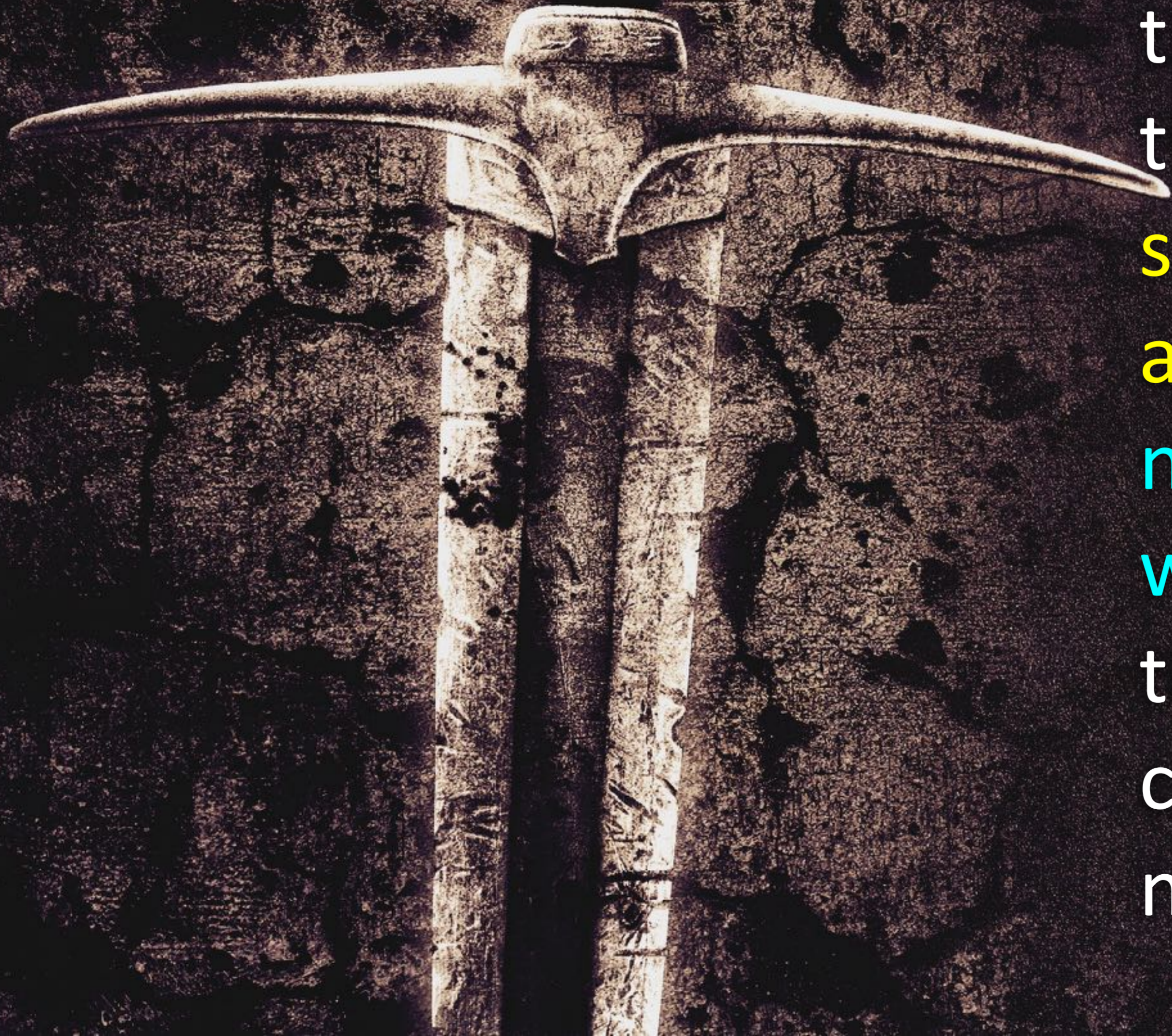


ABISHAI



2 Samuel 23:17-20

Abishai, the brother of Joab, the son of Zeruah, was chief of the thirty. And he swung his spear against three hundred and killed them, and had a name as well as the three. He was most honored of the thirty, therefore he became their commander; however, he did not attain to the three.



ABISHAI



- He was 1 of the 5 Guardians of David
- He was King David's nephew
- His name in Hebrew אֲבִישַׁי means “my father is a gift”

2 Samuel 21:15-17

Now when the Philistines were at war again with Israel, David went down and his servants with him; and as they fought against the Philistines, David became weary. Then Ishbi-benob, who was among the descendants of the giant, the weight of whose spear was three hundred shekels of bronze in weight, was girded with a new sword, and he intended to kill David. But Abishai the son of Zeruiah helped him, and struck the Philistine and killed him.

1 Samuel 26:1-11

Then the Ziphites came to Saul at Gibeah, saying, “Is not David hiding on the hill of Hachilah, which is before Jeshimon?” So Saul arose and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, having with him three thousand chosen men of Israel, to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph. Saul camped in the hill of Hachilah, which is before Jeshimon, beside the road, and David was staying in the wilderness. When he saw that Saul came after him into the wilderness, David sent out spies, and he knew that Saul was definitely coming.

1 Samuel 26:1-11

David then arose and came to the place where Saul had camped. And David saw the place where Saul lay, and Abner the son of Ner, the commander of his army; and Saul was lying in the circle of the camp, and the people were camped around him.

Then David said to Ahimelech the Hittite and to Abishai the son of Zeruah, Joab's brother, saying, "Who will go down with me to Saul in the camp?" And Abishai said, "I will go down with you."

1 Samuel 26:1-11

So David and Abishai came to the people by night, and behold, Saul lay sleeping inside the circle of the camp with his spear stuck in the ground at his head; and Abner and the people were lying around him. Then Abishai said to David, "Today God has delivered your enemy into your hand; now therefore, please let me strike him with the spear to the ground with one stroke, and I will not strike him the second time." But David said to Abishai, "Do not destroy him, for who can stretch out his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt?"

1 Samuel 26:1-11

David also said, “As the Lord lives, surely the Lord will strike him, or his day will come that he dies, or he will go down into battle and perish. The Lord forbid that I should stretch out my hand against the Lord’s anointed; but now please take the spear that is at his head and the jug of water, and let us go.”



2 Samuel 16:5-6

When King David came to Bahurim, behold, there came out from there a man of the family of the house of Saul whose name was Shimei, the son of Gera; he came out cursing continually as he came. He threw stones at David and at all the servants of King David; and all the people and all the mighty men were at his right hand and at his left.

2 Samuel 16:9-11

Then Abishai the son of Zeruah said to the king, “Why should this dead dog curse my lord the king? Let me go over now and cut off his head.” But the king said, “What have I to do with you, O sons of Zeruah? If he curses, and if the Lord has told him, ‘Curse David,’ then who shall say, ‘Why have you done so?’” Then David said to Abishai and to all his servants, “Behold, my son who came out from me seeks my life; how much more now this Benjamite? Let him alone and let him curse, for the Lord has told him.

ABISHAI



- From him we learn that our actions mean more than our mere words
- That his devotion & Loyalty to David were so important that it is said of him that he was the most honored of Davids Men.



1 Chronicles 18:12-13

Moreover Abishai the son of Zeruah defeated 18,000 Edomites in the Valley of Salt. Then he put garrisons in Edom, and all the Edomites became servants to David. And the Lord helped David wherever he went.

ABISHAI



- Let's be mighty like Abishai
- Let's be a giant killers
- Let's be loyal
- Let's be faithful
- Let's have each other's back

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BENAIAH





- He was a warrior
- Benaiah
(Hebrew : בניֵהוּ, means "Yahweh delivers")

2 Samuel 23:20-23

Then Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, the son of a valiant man of Kabzeel, who had done mighty deeds, killed the two sons of Ariel of Moab. **He also went down and killed a lion in the middle of a pit on a snowy day.** He killed an Egyptian, an impressive man. Now the Egyptian had a spear in his hand, but he went down to him with a club and snatched the spear from the Egyptian's hand and killed him with his own spear.

2 Samuel 23:20-23

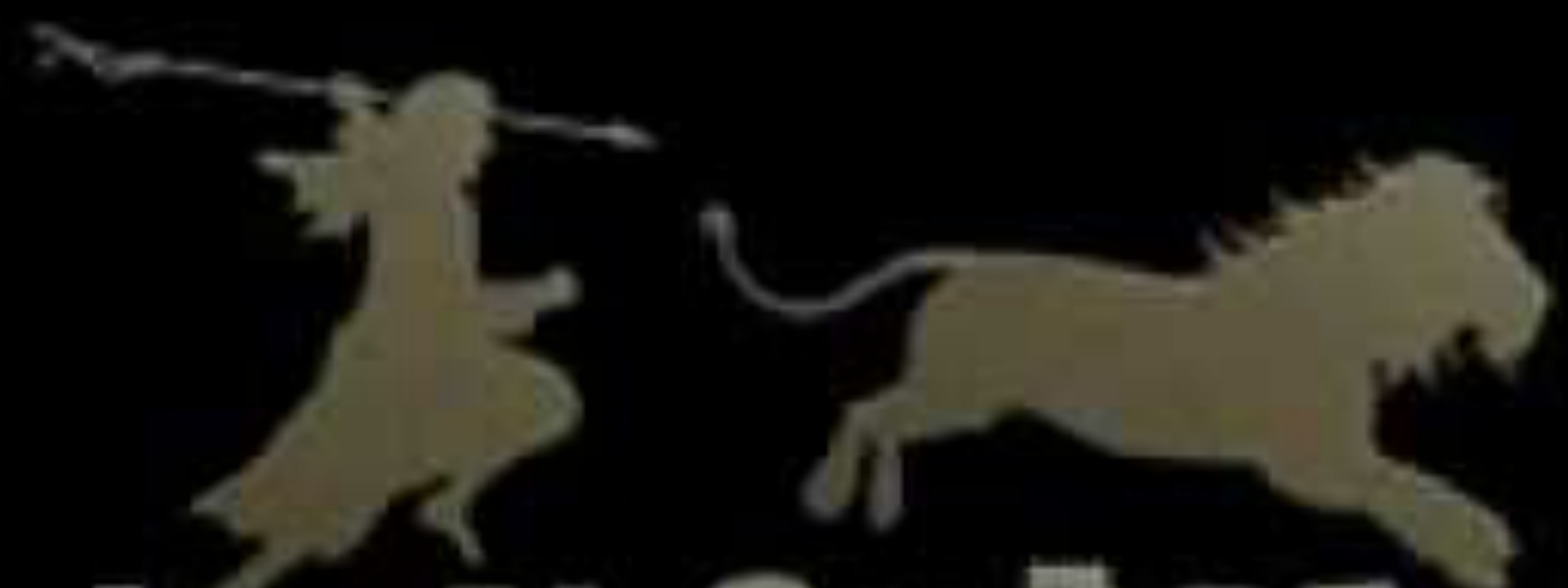
These things Benaiah the son of Jehoiada did, and had a name as well as the three mighty men. He was honored among the thirty, but he did not attain to the three. And David appointed him over his guard.



2 Samuel 23:20 NLT

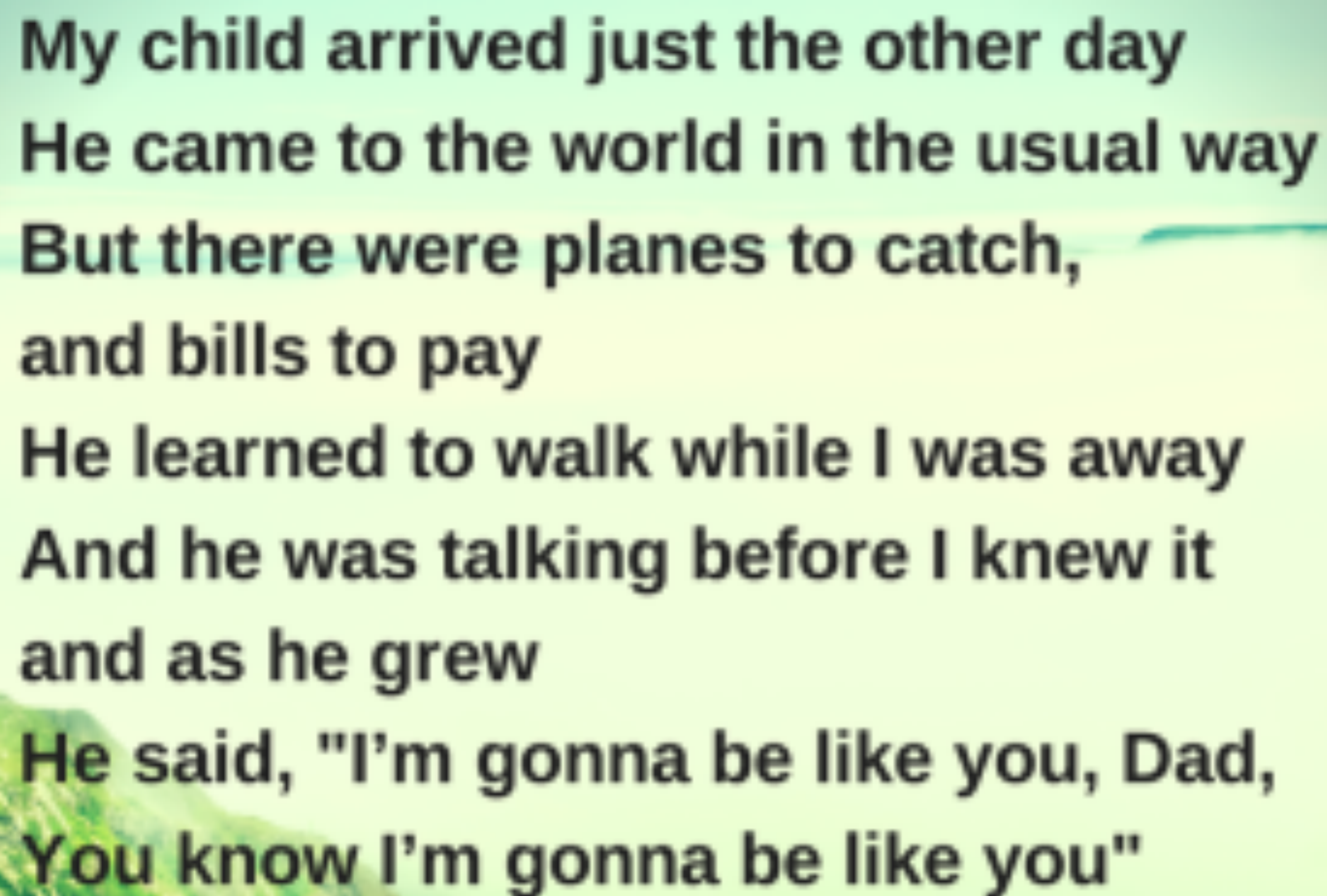
There was also **Benaiah son of Jehoiada**, a valiant warrior from Kabzeel. He did many heroic deeds, which included killing two champions of Moab. **Another time, on a snowy day, he chased a lion down into a pit and killed it.**





LION CHASER

Living Life with No Regrets



My child arrived just the other day
He came to the world in the usual way
But there were planes to catch,
and bills to pay
He learned to walk while I was away
And he was talking before I knew it
and as he grew
He said, "I'm gonna be like you, Dad,
You know I'm gonna be like you"

AND THE CATS IN THE
CRADLE AND THE SILVER
SPOON. LITTLE BOY BLUE
AND THE MAN ON THE
MOON. WHEN YOU COMIN'
HOME DAD? I DON'T KNOW
WHEN, BUT WE'LL GET
TOGETHER THEN. YOU KNOW
WE'LL HAVE A GOOD TIME
THEN.

At the end of our lives, our greatest regrets will be the God-ordained opportunities we left on the table, the God-given passions we didn't pursue, and the God-sized dreams we didn't go after because we let fear dictate our decisions.

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THE LION CHASER'S MANIFESTO

Quit living as if the purpose of life is to arrive safely at death.

Run to the roar.

Set God-sized goals.

Pursue God-ordained passions.

Go after a dream that's destined to fail unless God intervenes.

Stop pointing out problems, become part of the solution.

Stop repeating the past and start creating the future.

Face your fears.

Fight for your dreams.

Grab opportunity by the mane and don't let go.

Live like today is the first day and last day of your life.

Burn sinful bridges.

Blaze new trails.

Live for the applause of nail-scarred hands.

Don't let what's wrong with you keep you
from worshipping what's right with God.

Don't try to be who you aren't.

Be yourself.

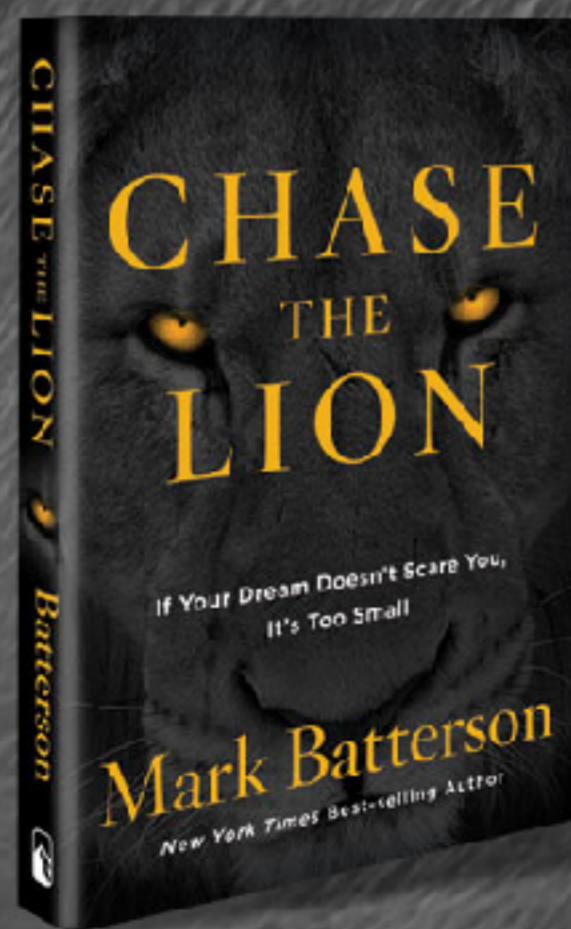
Laugh at yourself.

Dare to fail.

Dare to dream.

Dare to be different.

Chase the lion!



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#1. To be a Lion Chaser
You have to look past
The Facts & Look Past
The Fear!

Benaiah didn't start out chasing five-hundred-pound lions; he probably started out chasing a cute little kitten named Killer.

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#2. YOU HAVE TO
TAKE COURAGE
IN YOUR GOD

JOSHUA 1:6-7

Be strong and courageous, for you shall give this people possession of the land which I swore to their fathers to give them. Only be strong and very courageous; be careful to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, so that you may have success wherever you go.

Most people believe God is real, but few people actually live like it. The result is a widening gap between their theology and their reality. They allow their circumstances to get between them and God instead of letting God get between them and their circumstances. Lion chasers measure everything against almighty God, including five-hundred-pound lions. That's the difference between being a scaredy-cat and a lion chaser. When everything is said and done, God isn't going to say, "Well said," "Well thought," or "Well planned." There is one measuring stick: "Well done, good and faithful servant!"



#3. EXPECT A
MIRACLE
BECAUSE GOD
IS ON YOUR SIDE

You can run away from what you're afraid of, but you'll be running the rest of your life. At some point you have to face your fear. And when you do, you'll discover that fear itself is a coward in the face of courage.

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Abishai



Jashobeam



Shammah



Eleazar



Benaiah

2 Samuel 23:24-39

Asahel the brother of Joab was among the thirty; Elhanan the son of Dodo of Bethlehem, Shamamah the Harodite, Elika the Harodite, Helez the Paltite, Ira the son of Ikkesh the Tekoite, Abiezer the Anathothite, Mebunnai the Hushathite, Zalmon the Ahohite, Maharai the Netophathite, Heleb the son of Baanah the Netophathite, Ittai the son of Ribai of Gibeah of the sons of Benjamin,

David's Mighty Men



2 Samuel 23:24-39

Benaiah a Pirathonite, Hiddai of the brooks of Gaash, Abi-albon the Arbathite, Azmaveth the Barhumite, Eliahba the Shaalbonite, the sons of Jashen, Jonathan, Shammah the Hararite, Ahiam the son of Sharar the Ararite, Eliphelet the son of Ahasbai, the son of the Maacathite, Eliam the son of Ahithophel the Gilonite,

2 Samuel 23:24-39

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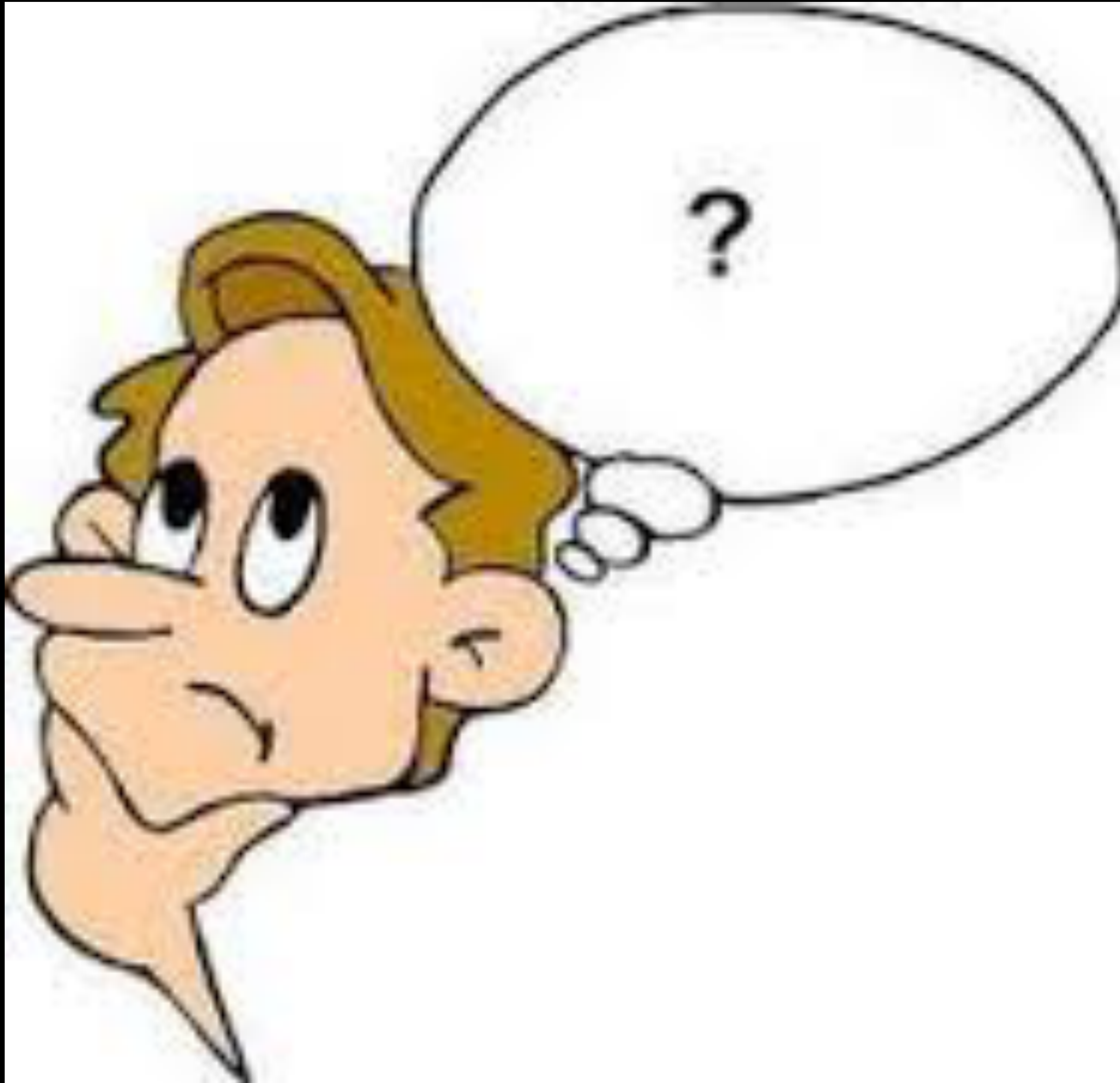
2 Samuel 11:14-17

Now in the morning David wrote a letter to Joab and sent it by the hand of Uriah. He had written in the letter, saying, "Place Uriah in the front line of the fiercest battle and withdraw from him, so that he may be struck down and die." So it was as Joab kept watch on the city, that he put Uriah at the place where he knew there were valiant men. The men of the city went out and fought against Joab, and some of the people among David's servants fell; and Uriah the Hittite also died.

Picture of NATHAN confronting DAVID



Sin
Caused
David to
Have
Murdered
One Of
His
Mighty
Men



How Do
We Apply
This
Lesson?

I'm not convinced that our true date of death is the date listed on our death certificate. Sadly, many people die long before their heart stops beating. We start dying the day we stop dreaming. And ironically, we start living the day we discover a dream worth dying for. That's what the mighty men found in David— a cause worth living for, a dream worth dying for.

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GOODBYE

Thank You for Coming!





