

MAN CAVE



A MAN, A CAVE AND HIS FRIEND'S

WHO IS WITH YOU IN YOUR CAVE?

2 Samuel 22: 1-2

¹ David sang to the Lord the words of this song when the Lord delivered him from the hand of all his enemies and from the hand of Saul. ² He said:

"The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer;

THE ONE THING

Surround Yourself with _____ Who Help
You _____ Who God Wants You to Be!

5 KINDS OF FRIENDS TO LOOK FOR

1. Friends Who Have Your _____ When the Odds
Are _____ You!

2 Samuel 23: 8

⁸ 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. Friends Who _____ to You When Others _____!

2 Samuel 23: 9-12, 18-19

⁹ 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,¹⁰ 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. The troops returned to Eleazar, but only to strip the dead.

¹¹ Next to him was Shammah son of Agee the Hararite. When the Philistines banded together at a place where there was a field full of lentils, Israel's troops

fled from them.¹² But Shammah took his stand in the middle of the field. He defended it and struck the Philistines down, and the Lord brought about a great victory...

¹⁸ Abishai the brother of Joab son of Zeruiah was chief of the Three. He raised his spear against three hundred men, whom he killed, and so he became as famous as the Three.¹⁹ Was he not held in greater honor than the Three? He became their commander, even though he was not included among them.

2 Samuel 10: 10-11

¹⁰ He put the rest of the men under the command of Abishai his brother and deployed them against the Ammonites.¹¹ Joab said, "If the Arameans are too strong for me, then you are to come to my rescue; but if the Ammonites are too strong for you, then I will come to rescue you."

3. Friends Who Look to _____ for Victory When Others Take _____ for It!

2 Samuel 23: 10, 12

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4. Friends Who Serve Your _____, Not Simply Their _____!

2 Samuel 23: 13-17

¹³ 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.¹⁴ At that time David was in the stronghold, and the Philistine garrison was at Bethlehem.¹⁵ David longed for water and said, "Oh, that someone would get me a drink of water from the well near the gate of Bethlehem!"¹⁶ 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. But he refused to drink it; instead, he poured it out before the Lord.¹⁷ "Far be it from me, Lord, to do this!" he said. "Is it not the blood of men who went at the risk of their lives?" And David would not drink it.

Such were the exploits of the three mighty warriors.

5. Friends Who Tell You What You _____ to Hear, Not What You _____ to Hear.

2 Samuel 21: 15-17

¹⁵ Once again there was a battle between the Philistines and Israel. David went down with his men to fight against the Philistines, and he became exhausted.¹⁶ And Ishbi-Benob, one of the descendants of Rapha, whose bronze spearhead weighed three hundred shekels and who was armed with a new sword, said he would kill David.¹⁷ But Abishai son of Zeruiah came to David's rescue; he struck the Philistine down and killed him. Then David's men swore to him, saying, "Never again will you go out with us to battle, so that the lamp of Israel will not be extinguished."

2 Samuel 23: 20-39