

# Abishai

## Sermon Outline

**2 Samuel 23:18**

**And Abishai, the brother of Joab, the son of Zeruiah, was chief among three. And he lifted up his spear against three hundred, and slew them, and had the name among three.**

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David's sisters were Zeruah, and Abigail. And the sons of Zeruah; Abishai, and Joab, and Asahel, three. 1 Chronicles 2:16

### **The sons of Zeruah were Abishai, Joab, and Asahel, three.**

We are now come to the register of the children of Israel that distinguished people, who were to dwell alone, and not be reckoned among the nations.

But now, in Christ, all are welcome to his salvation who come to him; all have equal privileges according to their faith in him, their love and devotedness to him. All that is truly valuable consists in the favour, peace, and image of God, and a life spent to his glory, in promoting the welfare of our fellow-creatures.

These Scriptures show Abishai to be the nephew of David. He took many chances of losing his life to help David to pursue the throne.

## **Bible Verses about Being a Warrior**

### **Be of Good Courage**

#### **2 Samuel 10:12**

Be of good courage, and let us play the men for our people, and for the cities of our God: and the Lord do that which seemeth him good.

**Our faith in God overcomes the world.**

**1 John 5:4**

For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.

**God has girded me with strength.**

**Psalm 18:39**

For thou hast girded me with strength unto the battle: thou hast subdued under me those that rose up against me.

**The Lord is with you.**

**Deut. 20:1**

When thou goest out to battle against thine enemies, and seest horses, and chariots, and a people more than thou, be not afraid of them: for the Lord thy God is with thee, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.

**The Lord is my strength.**

**Psalm 28:7**

The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in him, and I am helped: therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth; and with my song will I praise him.

## **Abishai followed David, an anointed leader.**

Consider David's leadership training program.

After David was anointed for his leadership position, he returned to his regular job with no apparent recognition of his new role.

His first ministry role was to serve the very king he was anointed to replace. He served him faithfully and maintained respect for him even when he was totally incompetent as a leader.

David was then appointed to lead all the men of war. He was faithful in this position and gained great favor with the people.

A person after God's own heart or we can seek to win the approval of man. We can spend time daily developing relationship with the Lord or we can go about doing things that seem right in our own eyes.

## **All that we have done will be tested.**

Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, each one's work will become clear; for work is burned the day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is.

### **1 Cor. 3:12-15**

Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; [13] Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. [14] If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. [15] If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he shall be saved; yet so as by fire.

**Abishai was David's nephew.**

**Families and the family of God should work together.**

**1 Cor. 3:9**

For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building.

**Eccles. 4:9**

Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labour

**Psalm 133:1**

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!

**Matthew 18:20**

For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

**Abishai pursued the enemy.**

**God's warriors much pursue the enemy.**

**1 Samuel 30:8**

And David enquired at the Lord, saying, Shall I pursue after this troop? Shall I overtake them? And he answered him, Pursue: for thou shalt surely overtake them, and without fail recover all.

**Joshua 10:18-20**

And Joshua said, Roll great stones upon the mouth of the cave, and set men by it for to keep them: [19] and stay ye not, but pursue after your enemies, and smite the hindmost of them; suffer them not to enter into their cities: for the Lord your God hath delivered them into your hand.

[20] And it came to pass, when Joshua and the children of Israel had made an end of slaying them with a very great slaughter, till they were consumed, that the rest which remained of them entered into fenced cities.

**Abishai risked his life to bring a drink of water to David.**

**Jesus is our living water.**

**John 4:14**

But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.

**Isaiah 55:1**

Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

**Isaiah 58:11**

And the Lord shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones: and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not.

**Jeremiah 31:25**

For I have given rest to the weary and joy to the sorrowing."

**To ask Jesus to come into your heart please pray this Prayer:**

Dear Lord Jesus, I believe you are the Christ, the Son of the Living God. I ask you to forgive me of my sins and coming into my heart. I accept you as savior and will follow you as Lord. Amen.

