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## SERMON OUTLINE

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### Those God sends to Help

2 Samuel 21:15-22; 23:8-39

- I. King David was helped by heroes against the mighty warriors of Rapha (2 Samuel 21:15-22)
  - Abishai rescued David from Ishbe-Benob (15-17)
  - Sibbecai killed Saph (18).
  - Elhanan killed Goliath's brother Lahmi (19, 22; see 1 Chronicles 20:5).
  - Jonathan killed the large 6-fingered man (20-21).
- II. King David was helped by elite forces of "mighty men" (2 Samuel 23:15-22).
  - A. The "Three" – Mighty deeds (23:15-23)
    - #1 – Josheb killed 800 Philistines alone (23:8-11).
    - #2 – Shammah defeated Philistines alone (23:11-13).
    - Three of the thirty broke through enemy lines to bring David water from Bethlehem (23:13-17).
    - #3 – Abishai killed 300 in a battle (23:18-19).
    - Benaiah killed 2 mighty Moabites, a lion in a pit and a huge Egyptian using just a club (23:20-23).
  - B. The "Thirty" – Mighty men (23:24-39)

#### Application

1. Godly Success: If someone is known for success serving God, it's because of the help of others serving God (Ephesians 4:11-16; Romans 12:3-8).
2. Loyal commitment: Ordinary people serve the church in extraordinary ways for Christ and people they truly care for (Philippians 2:25-30).
3. Credit: Great things are accomplished because God is great, not men (2 Samuel 23:10, 12).