

# BAND OF BROTHERS

## David – Part 3

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### The Key Men in David's Life:

#### 1. The (600).

*“So David and his men, about six hundred in number, left Keilah and kept moving from place to place.... David stayed in the desert strongholds and in the hills of the Desert of Ziph.” – 1 Samuel 23:13-14*

*“So David and his six hundred men with him left and went over to Achish son of Maach king of Gath. David and his men settled in Gath.... Each man had his family with him.” – 1 Samuel 27:2-3*

- Like David, we need to be part of a larger army if we are to survive and win major victories.
- For Christians today, that army is the (church).

#### 2. The (30).

*“These were the chiefs of David's mighty men—they together with all Israel, gave his kingship strong support over the whole land, as the LORD had promised. Benaiah son of Jehoiada was a valiant fighter from Kabzeel, who performed great exploits. He was held in greater honor than any of the Thirty.” – 1 Chronicles 11:10, 22, 25*

- David's influence was strong and wide because he identified key men and made strategic connections.
- Our circle of 30 needs to include (lost) people we are reaching out to and strong believers who challenge us.

#### 3. The (3 mighty men).

*“Three of the thirty chiefs came down to David to the rock at the cave of Adullam. David longed for water and said, ‘Oh, that someone would get me a drink of water from the well near the gate of Bethlehem!’ So the Three broke through the Philistine lines, drew water from the well near the gate of Bethlehem and carried it to David.” – 1 Chronicles 11:15-18*

*“These are the names of David's mighty men: Josheb-Bassebeth,...Eleazar son of Dodai,...and Shammah son of Agee.... Such were the exploits of the three mighty men.” – 1 Samuel 23:8, 9, 11, 17*

- David, like Jesus, had an inner circle of 3 men.
- We all need a few close friends who would (fight and die) for us.

#### 4. The (1).

*“Jonathan became one in spirit with David, and he loved him as himself. And Jonathan made a covenant with David because he loved him as himself. Jonathan took off his robe he was wearing and gave it to David, along with his tunic, and even his sword, his bow and his belt.” – 1 Samuel 18:1, 3-4*

*“Jonathan said to David, ‘Whatever you want me to do, I’ll do for you.... But show me unfailing kindness like that of the LORD as long as I live....’ So Jonathan made a covenant with the house of David... [and] David reaffirmed his oath out of love for him, because he loved him as he loved himself.” – 1 Sam. 20:4, 14, 16-17*

*“A man of many companions may come to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.” – Proverbs 18:24*

- David had one companion who knew him like no other.
- We all need one friend who knows the deepest (secrets) of our hearts and who still loves us unconditionally.