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(2 Sam. 23:8; 1 Chron. 11:11)

- A. In 1 Chronicles 11:11, he is referred to as Jashobeam.
  - 1. In 2 Samuel 23:8, the phrase, “that sat in the seat,” likely should be rendered as a name – Josheb-basshebeth.
  - 2. The name Adino the Enzite seems to be closely related to the word for wielding a spear.
- B. This mighty man was chief of the captain – greatest of the three, meaning the First Triad of David’s warriors.
- C. With only his spear as a weapon, he killed 800 enemy soldiers at one time!
  - 1. One spear does not seem like much in a battle against an army.
  - 2. Yet, with God’s help, one spear was enough!
  - 3. We must not allow human perception to limit God’s power.
- D. “Little is much when God is in it.”
  - 1. Exodus 4:1-2 – Moses’ rod
  - 2. Judges 7:7 – Gideon’s army
  - 3. 1 Samuel 17:40, 50 – David’s sling
  - 4. Zechariah 4:10 – Zerubbabel’s Temple
  - 5. Luke 21:1-4 – The widow’s two mites (cf. Mark 12:41-44)
  - 6. John 6:7-13 – The lad’s loaves and fishes
  - 7. Revelation 3:7-8 – The little strength of Philadelphia
- E. Opportunity + Ability = Responsibility
  - 1. In each of these cases, opportunity to serve God was presented.
  - 2. In each of these cases, the individuals could have doubted their abilities.
  - 3. Yet, due to their faith in God, they recognized their responsibility.
    - a. They must do their part.
    - b. They must trust God to do His part.
- F. What opportunities are presented to us? (2 Cor. 2:12)
- G. What abilities do we have? (Rom. 1:16; Eph. 6:17)
- H. How will God respond? (1 Thes. 2:13)
- I. Will we recognize our responsibility? (Isa. 6:8; John 4:35)
- J. Let us all determine to use what we have – no matter how great or small – to serve the Lord.