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### **Lesson 121: 2 Samuel 23:8-39 Mighty Men**

Read Proverbs 27:17. What does it mean to sharpen another person?

Can you think of examples when someone has sharpened you?

When you have sharpened someone else?

Read Deuteronomy 1:34-38 and 3:28. Who, in this passage, was to be encouraged?

Was this a good thing?

What role was this person to have?

Read 2 Chronicles 35:1-2. Who was encouraged in this passage?

Was this a good thing?

What role did they have?

Read Ezekiel 13:20-23. Who was encouraged in this passage?

Was this a good thing?

Read Romans 1:11-12. Who was to be encouraged in this passage?

Was this a good thing?

We can see that everyone needs encouragement. Leaders. Pastors. And our brothers and sisters.

Read Romans 8:26-27, 31-34. Who is interceding *for someone else* in these passages?

Who are they interceding *to*?

Who is being interceded *for*?

Read 1 Timothy 2:1-2. Who does Timothy urge that we intercede *for*?

Who is this intercession to be made *to*?

We are called to intercede *for* each other *to* God, but the ultimate intercessor is Christ, and His Holy Spirit who dwells within us.

Grab a dictionary and define "exhort". Keep this definition in mind as you read these next verses.

Read Acts 11:22-24. Who was doing the exhorting here?

Who was being exhorted?

What were they being exhorted to?

Read 1 Thessalonians 2:9-12. What exhortation is Paul giving here?

For what reason are we exhorted to walk in this way?

Read 1 Thessalonians 3:1-3. Paul sent Timothy to exhort the Thessalonians to in what?

Read 1 Timothy 4:6-16. What are the people being called to devote themselves to? What exhortation is Paul calling the people to? (Look through the whole passage and see what Paul says leading up to this call to exhortation.)

Read Titus 2:1-15. What things are we called to exhort? (This is quite a list here, list at least 10)

Read Hebrews 3:12-14. How often are we to exhort each other?

Read Hebrews 12:3-6. What exhortation are we given as sons and daughters of God? What does that tell us we can expect from God?

As you spend time with God today, consider all the ways in which God's people are called to encourage, exhort and intercede for each other. Take some time and search through Scripture to see how we are also called to rebuke and correct each other. As you look, thank God for the provision of His people around us so that we may be sharpened and our purpose for Him may be made clear to us. Praise Him for the people that He has placed in your life to help draw you nearer to Scripture and to truth and ask Him to help you to draw others to Scripture with grace and love always.