A Heart Like
God's Part 11: In Season or Out of Season

I I solemnly charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His kingdom: 2 Timothy 4:1-2 NASB95



The circumstances of our lives do not determine our calling. Dark tinnes are not the time to be holding out on our ministry.

In fact, it is in our weakness that His strength becomes perfected in us, and some of our best fruit is borne in tinnes of darkness.

1 So David departed from there and escaped to the cave of Adullam ("justice"); and when his brothers and all his father's household heard of it, they went down there to him.

1 Samuel 22:1-2

2 Everyone who was in distress, and everyone who was in debt, and everyone who was discontented gathered to him; and he became captain over them. Now there were about four hundred men with him.

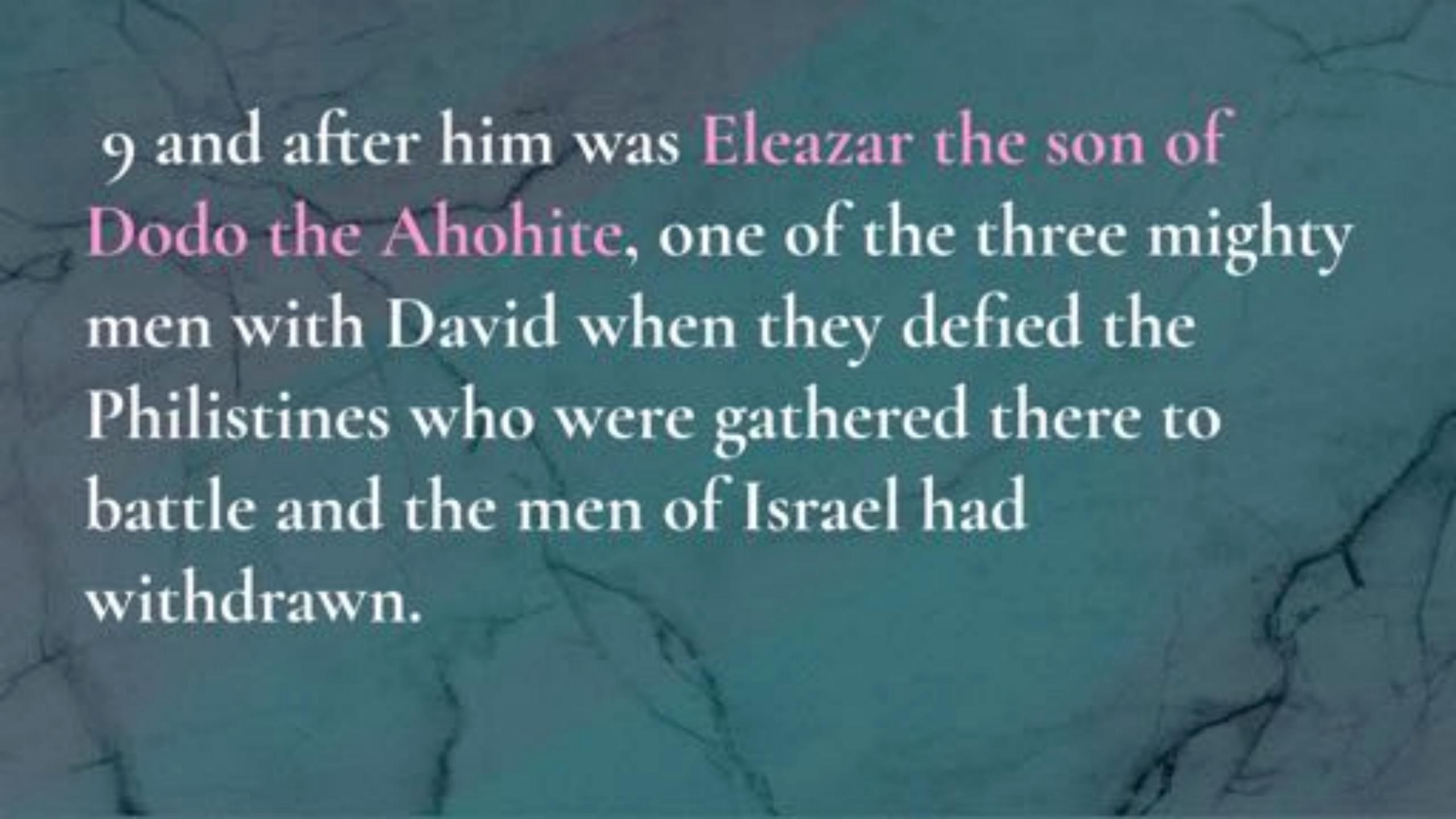
Our fruit is not judged by the "quality" of those who are sent to us, but what happens to them after they have been with us.

Jesus chose 12 men who did not seem to have the potential to be leaders of saints, and he made them into apostles.

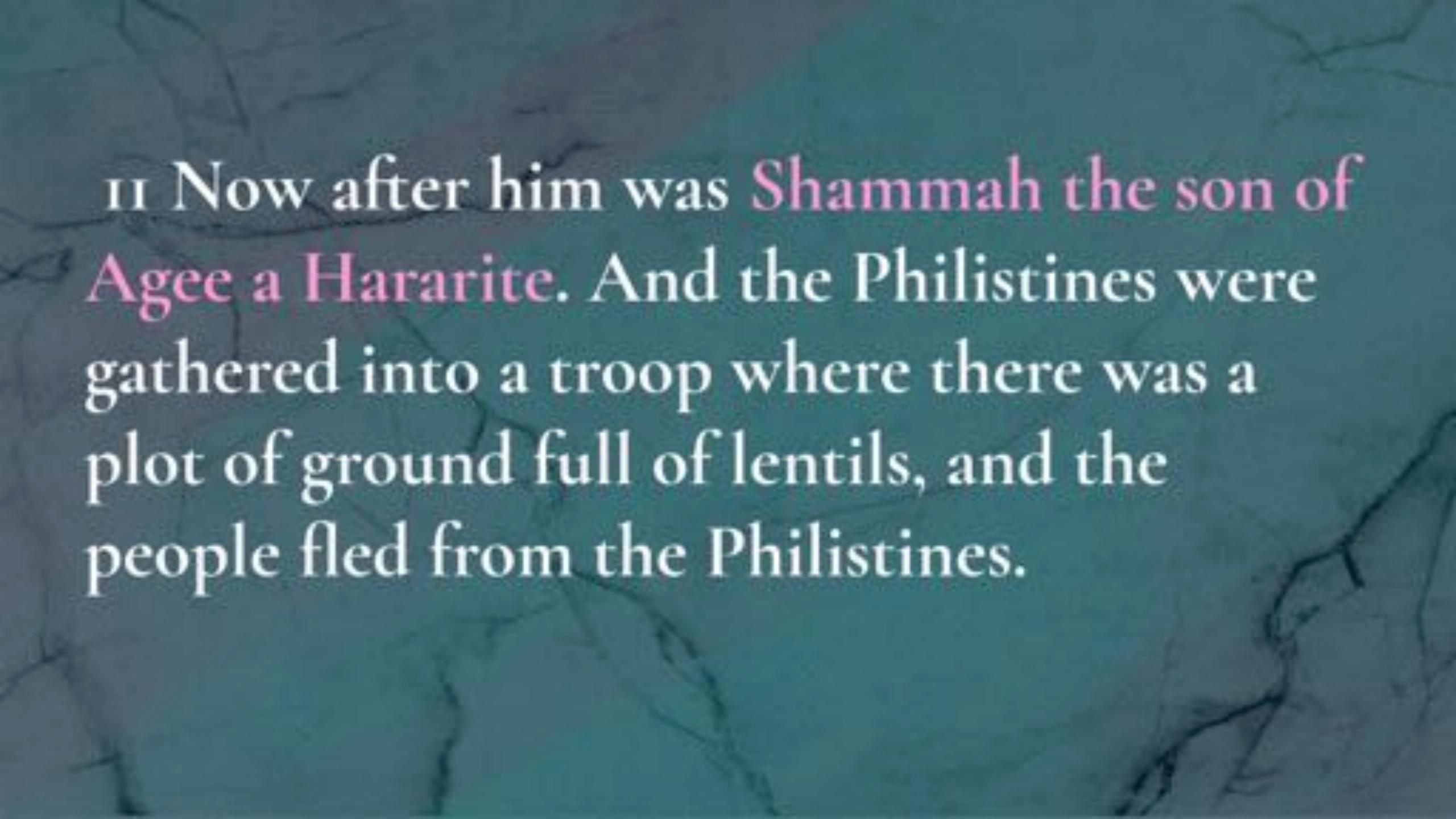
David took an ever growing number of those rejected by society, and turned many of them into mighty men.

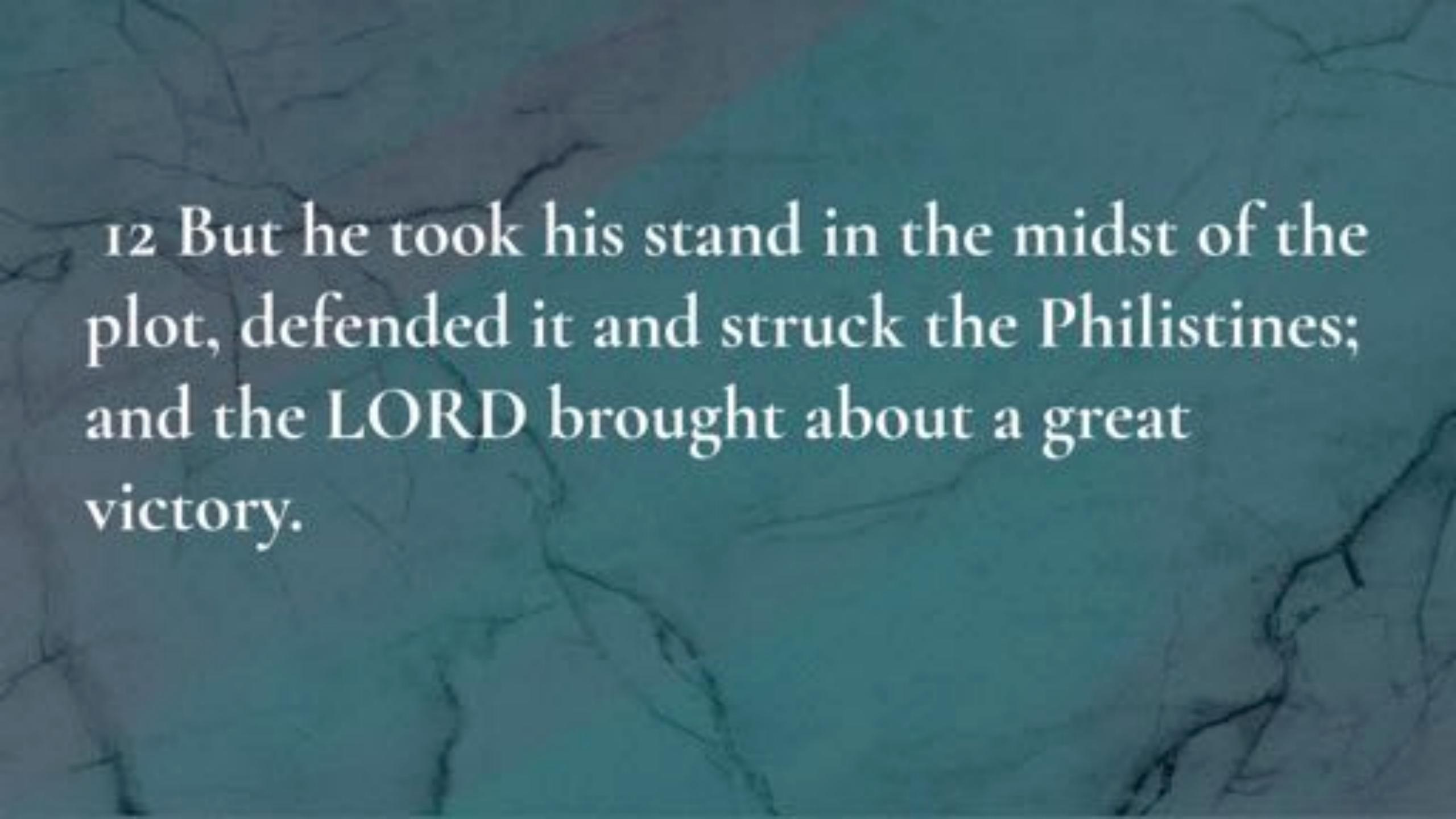
8 These are the names of the mighty men whom David had: Josheb-basshebeth a Tahchemonite, chief of the captains, he was called Adino the Eznite, because of eight hundred slain by him at one time;

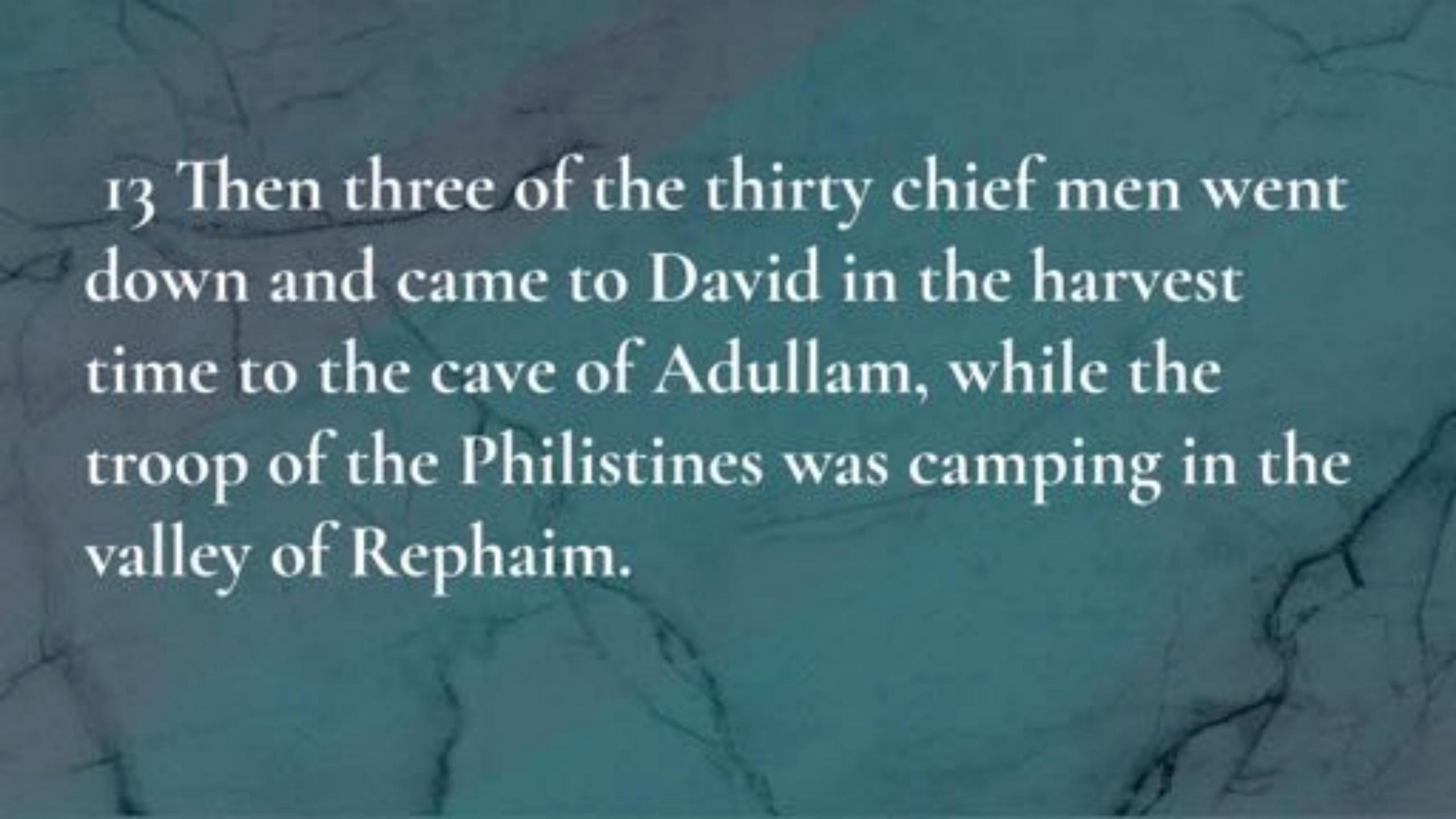
2 Samuel 23:8-13



10 He arose and struck the Philistines until his hand was weary and clung to the sword, and the LORD brought about a great victory that day; and the people returned after him only to strip the slain.



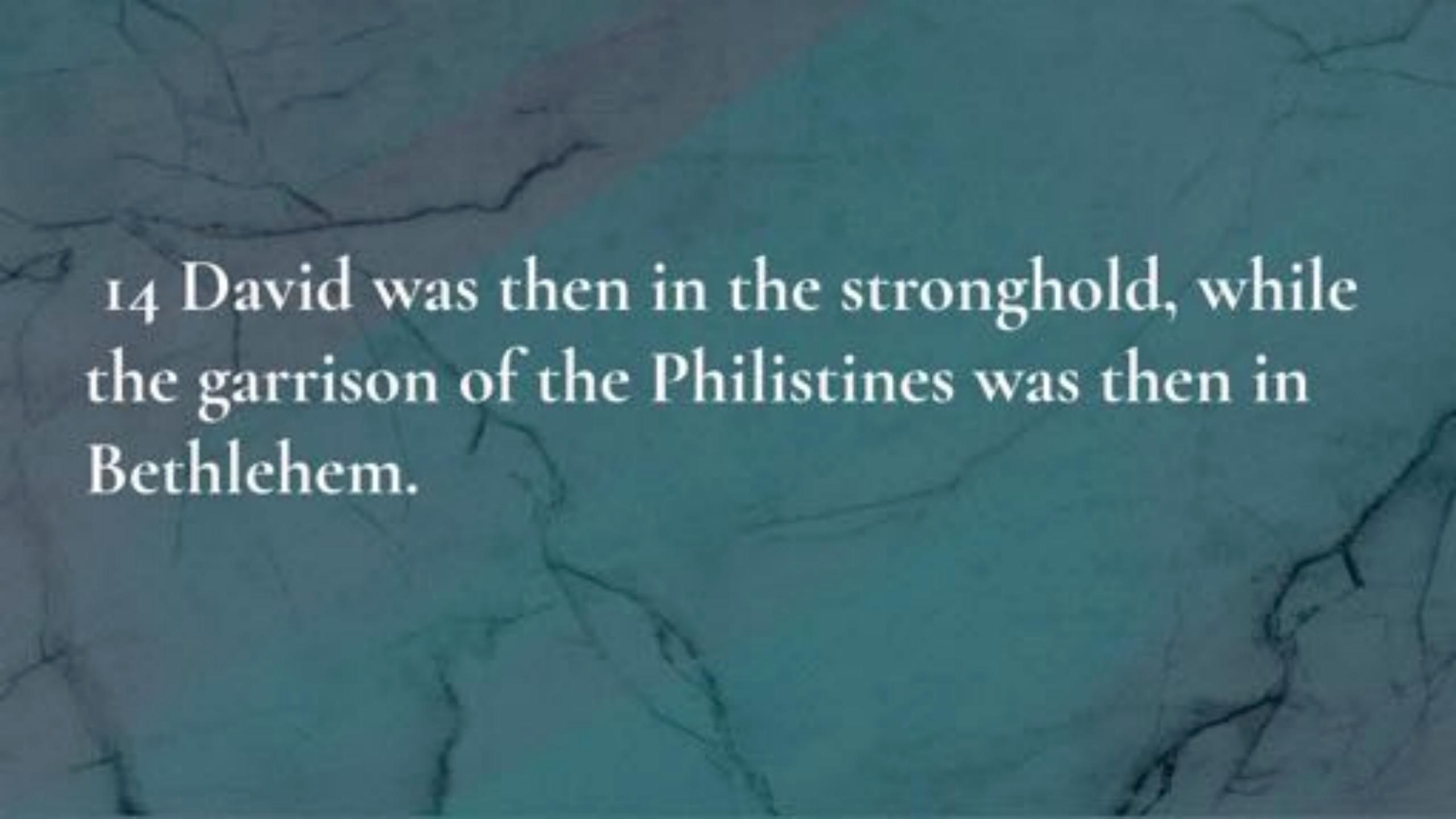


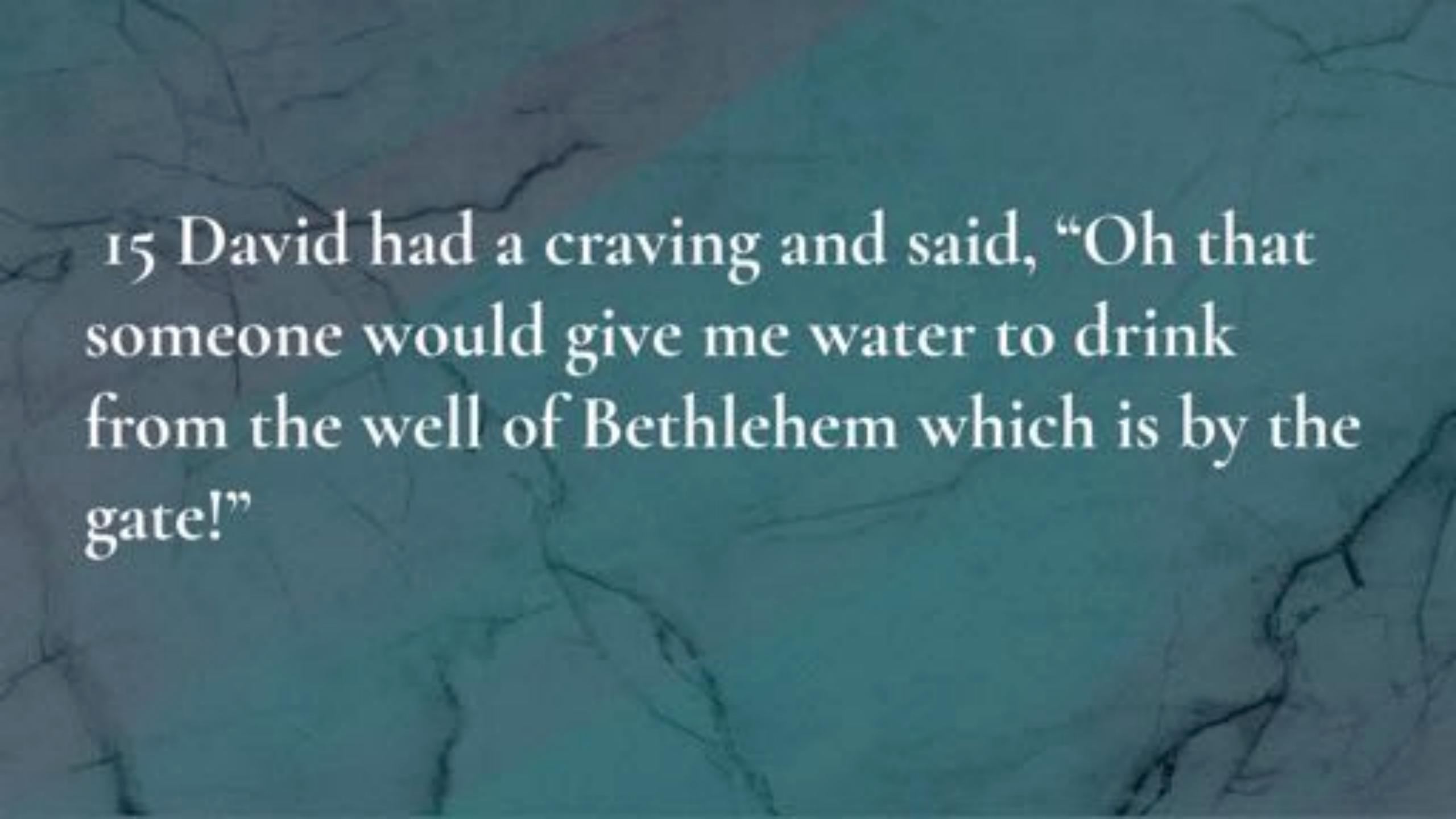


The only thing about the mighty men that was more impressive than their skills as warriors was two character traits they learned from David: Longth and Honor

13 Then three of the thirty chief men went down and came to David in the harvest time to the cave of Adullam, while the troop of the Philistines was camping in the valley of Rephaim.

2 Samuel 23:13-17





16 So the three mighty men broke through the camp of the Philistines, and drew water from the well of Bethlehem which was by the gate, and took it and brought it to David. Nevertheless he would not drink it, but poured it out to the LORD;

17 and he said, "Be it far from me, O LORD, that I should do this. Shall I drink the blood of the men who went in jeopardy of their lives?" Therefore he would not drink it. These things the three mighty men did.

II Then David took hold of his clothes and tore them, and so also did all the men who were with him.

2 Samuel 1:11-12

12 They mourned and wept and fasted until evening for Saul and his son Jonathan and for the people of the LORD and the house of Israel, because they had fallen by the sword.

When we follow after God's heart, we can say, "Follow me as I follow Christ." even while carrying our imperfections.

We can reproduce in others the Kingdom fruit we carry even when we are not "in season."

In times of darkness, do not permit the weaknesses being revealed to define you. Continue to pour in your strength to those God brings your way.