

Luke 16:10-11 “If you are faithful in little things, you will be faithful in large ones. But if you are dishonest in little things, you won’t be honest with greater responsibilities. And if you are untrustworthy about worldly wealth, who will trust you with the true riches of heaven?”

**Advancing with fortitude is not about short-term intensity but about long-term consistency.**

Hebrews 12:1 “Let us run with endurance the race God has set before us.”

2 Timothy 4:16-17 “At my first defense, no one came to my support, but everyone deserted me. But the Lord stood at my side and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it.”

Deuteronomy 31:8 “Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the Lord will personally go ahead of you. He will be with you; He will neither fail you nor abandon you.”

Galatians 6:9 “So let’s not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don’t give up.”

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**ADVANCE WITH FORTITUDE**

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**2 Samuel 23:8-12 The story of David’s three greatest warriors**

**Three Truths to Advance with Fortitude**

**1. Advance with Fortitude in the Face of DIFFICULTIES.**

2 Samuel 23:8 "Jashobeam...used his spear to kill 800 enemy warriors in a single battle."

Matthew 6:34: "So do not worry about tomorrow; for tomorrow will care for itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."

**When you fail to focus on your small decisions, you will fail to fulfill your big ambitions.**

**Please turn over**

Luke 22:39 “Jesus went out **as usual** to the Mount of Olives, and His disciples followed Him.” (“as was His custom”)

Daniel 6:4-5, 10 “Three times a day He got down on His knees and prayed, giving thanks to His God, **just as He had done before.**”

**It’s your daily decisions NOW that will write the story of your life.**

Zechariah 4:10 “Do not despise these small beginnings, for the Lord rejoices to see the work begin.”

**The difficulties you face are not happening TO you; they are happening FOR you.**

## **2. Advance with Fortitude in the Face of DISCOURAGEMENT.**

2 Samuel 23:10 “Eleazar...killed Philistines until his hand was too tired to lift his sword, and the Lord gave him a great victory that day.”

**The longer you cling to a problem, the less it describes your past and the more it defines your future.**

**When you get stuck to your battle, you become discouraged.**

**When you get stuck to your Lord, you become unstoppable.**

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2 Corinthians 12:9 "My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness."

2 Corinthians 4:7 “But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.”

Nehemiah 8:10 “The JOY of the Lord is your strength!”

1 Thessalonians 5:24 “God will make this happen, for He who calls you is faithful.”

2 Thessalonians 3:3 “But the Lord is faithful; He will strengthen you and guard you from the evil one.”

Philippians 4:4 “Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!”

## **3. Advance with Fortitude in the Face of DISAPPOINTMENT.**

2 Samuel 23:11-12 “The Philistines...attacked the Israelites in a field full of lentils. The Israelite army fled, but Shammah held his ground in the middle of the field and beat back the Philistines. So the Lord brought about a great victory.”

**WHO goals are more important than DO goals.**

**Please turn over**