***“Fresh Anointing”***

***(I Chronicles 11:1- 12:40)***

***Then all Israel came together to David at Hebron, saying, “Indeed we are your bone and your flesh. Also, in time past, even when Saul was king, you were the one who led Israel out and brought them in; and the Lord your God said to you, ‘You shall shepherd My people Israel, and be ruler over My people Israel.’” Therefore, all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the Lord. And they anointed David king over Israel, according to the word of the Lord by Samuel. (I Chronicles 11:1-3; NKJV)***

***And many of the brethren in the Lord, waxing confident by my bonds, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.Some indeed preach Christ even of envy and strife; and some also of good will: The one preaches Christ of contention, not sincerely, supposing to add affliction to my bonds: But the other of love, knowing that I am set for the defense of the gospel. What then? notwithstanding, every way, whether in pretence, or in truth, Christ is preached; and I therein do rejoice, yea, and will rejoice. (Philippians 1:14-18; NKJV)***

***Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble; (II Peter 1:10; NKJV)***

1. “Experts in War” - **FORMIDABLE** (vs. 33)
2. “Stouthearted” - **FEARLESS** (vs. 33)
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5. “Loyal Hearts”  **- FAITHFUL**  (vs. 38**)**
6. “Were of One Mind” **- FOCUSSED** (vs. 38)

The Bible tells us to “***make our calling and election sure***” (II Peter 1:10). Not working for our salvation and callings, but to engage in those activities that would validate that we have been called and chosen. This is what is going on here with King David. God called him and anointed him through the prophet Samuel (I Samuel 16). David began to use his giftings, callings, anointings, and abilities to effect God’s will for his life, as we should do!!!!

***And they helped David against the bands of raiders, for they were all mighty men of valor, and they were captains in the army. For at that time, they came to David day by day to help him, until it was a great army, like the army of God. Now these were the numbers of the divisions that were equipped for war, and came to David at Hebron to turn over the kingdom of Saul to him, according to the word of the Lord:” (I Chronicles (12:21-23; NKJV)***

1. ***FORMIDABLE*** - ***“Experts in war”*** (12:33)

***And five of you shall chase an hundred, and an hundred of you shall put ten thousand to flight: and your enemies shall fall before you by the sword. (Leviticus 26:8) -*** Ratio of 5:100 with an increase to 100:10,000 or a 1:20 ratio increasing to a 1:100 ratio. Or an increase of ***500 PERCENT!!!!!!***

***How should one chase a thousand, and two put ten thousand to flight, except their Rock had sold them, and the Lord had shut them up? (Deuteronomy 32:30) -*** Ratio of 1:1000 with an increase to 2:10,000 or 1:5,000. Or, an increase, again, of ***500 PERCENT!!!!***

1. ***FEARLESS –* “*Stouthearted*”** (12:33)

***If you faint in the day of adversity, your strength is small. (Proverbs 24:10)***

***And he spoke a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint; (Luke 18:1)***

1. ***FORMATION -*** *“****Could Keep Rank”*** (12:33)

**TO KEEP RANK IN ACTUAL CONFLICT REQUIRES OLD-FASHIONED VALOUR.**

***"None of these things move me. Neither count I my life dear unto myself, so I may finish my course with joy, and the ministry I have received of the Lord Jesus to testify of the gospel of the grace of God."*** ***(Acts 20:24)***

1. ***FITTED*** – ***“With all instruments of war”***(12:33)

Not only were these soldiers well-disciplined and highly trained operatives they were outfitted with the proper and latest *state-of-the-art* instruments of warfare that were needed to conduct successfully negotiate military campaigns (Eph. 6).

* The **military bands** belted around the thighs to hold the tunic and sheath for the sword and dagger at the ready whenever a battle might ensue.
* The **breastplate** protects the vital organs around the midsection.
* The proper military **footwear** for firm footing, sure steps, and for protection.
* The **shield** is the large oblong shield for full protection to quench the fire-tipped darts dipped in a combustible material.
* The **helmet** that protected the head from injury.
* The **sword,** which is the deadly offensive weapon to inflict serious injury or death to the enemy!

Here in Ephesians 6, Paul, under the influence of the Holy Spirit, references Isaiah 59:17 …**”*For he put on righteousness as a breastplate, and a helmet of salvation on his head; he put on the garments of vengeance for clothing, and was clad with zeal as a cloak.” (NKJV)***

1. ***FAITHFUL*** – ***“Loyal hearts”*** (12:38)

“*One heart*” or a “*perfect heart*”. The King could depend on these devoted soldiers to be loyal to the end.

* ***“O Lord God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, our fathers, keep this forever in the intent of the thoughts of the heart of Your people, and FIX their heart toward You. And give my son Solomon a loyal heart to keep Your commandments an Your testimonies and Your statures, to do all these things, and to build the temple for which I have made provision.” (I Chronicles 29:18-19)***
* ***“…a double-minded man is unstable in all his ways.” (James 1:7)***
* ***“O God, my heart is fixed; I will sing and give praise, even with my glory.” (Psalm 108:1; KJV)***

1. ***FOCUSSED*** – *“****were of one mind****”* (12:38)

This one is very similar to no. 5. They all had a **unified** purpose. Too many times, even as Christians, we have competing agendas within the house of God.

* ***“Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits.” (Romans 12:16)***
* ***Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment. (I Corinthians 1:10)***
* ***“And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force.” (Matthew 11:12; NKJV)***

And its companion verse in Luke…

***“The law and the prophets were until John. Since that time the kingdom of God has been preached, and everyone is pressing into it.” (Luke 16:16; NKJV)***