

Unstoppable pt10 – Be Violent

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[Mat 11:12 NASB95] 12 "From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and violent men take it by force.

[Luk 16:16 NASB95] 16 "The Law and the Prophets [were proclaimed] until John; since that time the gospel of the kingdom of God has been preached, and everyone is forcing his way into it.

[2Sa 23:8-12 NASB95] 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; 9 and after him was Eleazar the son of Dodo the Ahohite, one of the three mighty men with David when they defied the Philistines who were gathered there to battle and the men of Israel had withdrawn. 10 He arose and struck the Philistines until his hand was weary and clung to the sword, and the LORD brought about a great victory that day; and the people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.] 11 Now after him was Shammah the son of Agee a Hararite. And the Philistines were gathered into a troop where there was a plot of ground full of lentils, and the people fled from the Philistines. 12 But he took his stand in the midst of the plot, defended it and struck the Philistines; and the LORD brought about a great victory.

- Oxford Dictionary – violent: (especially of an emotion or unpleasant or destructive natural force) very strong or powerful. "violent dislike."
- Suffers violence – note: is forcibly entered
- Take it by force – note: seize it for themselves.
- The Bible teaches that we are in a spiritual war.
- The war is on many fronts: bondage, destiny, family, health
- The quickest way to defeat; is to refuse to learn how to fight.
- David had an elite group of fighting men, but three in particular gives us insight in setting us apart as winners.
- From them, we can learn what it takes to be a winner in our war.

What does Godly violence look like from these mighty men?

There are three characteristics of Godly violence from these mighty men.

I. Must be a warrior.

- **V. 8** - Adino fought 800 (I Chr. 11:11 - with spear 300; most likely the difference is detail; other 500 is with sword)
- This man was willing to take on a big battle and did it
- You must engage in the battle.
- War on terror: a great divide in countries that are too weak to fight. They won't stand up against the enemy. The enemy gets encouraged.
- OBL was quoted as saying that when America sees body bags they will leave.
- Christians are the same way.
- Challenge those things that are before us. Mighty people of God don't co-exist with the enemies they face.
- Be willing to fight, no matter what the battle.

II. Must be committed to the Word of God.

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- **V. 9-10** - Eleazar - he was stuck to the sword (of the Spirit the Word of God.)
- That sword was his way to victory.
- Had he let go of the sword he would have lost everything.
- **[Eph 6:17 NASB95] 17 And take THE HELMET OF SALVATION, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.** – the sword of the Spirit is the only weapon a Christian has.
- **[Heb 4:12 NASB95] 12 For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.** - quick, powerful, sharp - **it is a capable weapon**
- Most Christians are ignoring their weapon.
- If you are in a battle, dig into the Word of God
- Cling to, be stuck to the Word of God.
- Eleazar did not let go of his sword.
- Be willing to hold on to the Word of God.

III. **Must be willing to fight alone at times.**

- **V. 11-12** - Shammah (is there) - when all left, stood in the middle of an insignificant field and fought alone.
 - When nobody else was willing to fight, he did it alone.
 - **[Eze 22:30 NASB95] 30 "I searched for a man among them who would build up the wall and stand in the gap before Me for the land, so that I would not destroy it; but I found no one.** - a man to stand for a whole nation.
 - You may have to fight alone.
 - Don't misunderstand: **YOU ARE NEVER ALONE!!!**
 - When you are willing to fight alone, all the resources of heaven are behind you.
 - You and God become a majority.
 - Be willing to fight, even when none goes with you.
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- **[2Co 2:14 NASB95] 14 But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and manifests through us the sweet aroma of the knowledge of Him in every place.**
 - **God's will is for you to triumph. You don't have to be defeated in any area of life.**