

FASCINATING STORIES OF FORGOTTEN LIVES  
REDISCOVERING SOME OLD TESTAMENT CHARACTERS  
OFTEN-OVERLOOKED LIVES OF SIGNIFICANCE  
2 SAMUEL 23; 1 CHRONICLES 11-12



### The Heart of the Matter

Somewhere back in time, you and I were given a faulty set of instructions. Somewhere we learned that only the most famous or the star athlete or the most publicly gifted individual is worth our time and attention, our respect, and our loudest applause. But in reality, if it wasn't for the people who surround them, these well-known individuals would quickly fade in popularity and become among the most commonplace. This was never truer than in the days when the Bible was being written! We all know of the apostle Paul, but who has heard of Stephanas, Fortunatus, or Achaicus? And who hasn't heard of King David? But it's doubtful that many Christians could name the warriors who made it possible for him to become king, such as Eleazar, Benaiah, or Asahel. The truth remains—it's all the unknowns who make a few well known!



### Discovering the Way

**1. The Men Who Made David King (2 Samuel 22:1–2; 23:8–14; 1 Chronicles 11:9)**  
Even though God anointed David as king of Israel, a group of loyal and unknown mighty men protected David and eventually set him up as king.

**2. The Outstanding Résumé of David's Mighty Men (1 Chronicles 12:22, 38–40)**  
Learn how qualified these men were back then, how obscure they are to this day, how rarely they were mentioned even in their day, and how devoted they were to their calling.



### Starting Your Journey

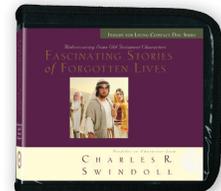
Remember these four unwritten rules for true servants. When you don't care about the credit, you don't complain about the role you play. When you focus on the right objectives, you don't waste your time in wrong pursuits. When you're surrounded by giving servants, a spirit of unity naturally emerges. And when you blend unity and humility together, contagious joy results.



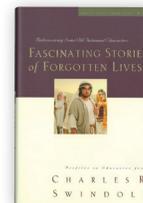
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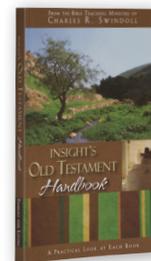
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