

A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study
Date: May 17, 2023
2 Samuel 21:15-22:51; 1 Chronicles 20:4-8

1. What happened in our last Bible Study in 21:1-14?
 - a. There was a famine for three successive years.
 - b. David sought the face of the Lord.
 - c. The Lord told David that the famine was the result of the sin of Saul when he put the Gibeonites to death.
 - d. David handed over seven of Saul's descendants to be killed for the sin of Saul...for the wages of sin is death.

2. What is happening now, according to 21:15-17?
 - a. Once again there was a battle between the Philistines and Israel.
 - b. David went down with his men to fight...and he became exhausted.
 - c. A Philistine with a heavy bronze spearhead and a new sword decided he would kill David.
 - d. Abishai came to David's rescue and struck down the Philistine.
 - e. David's men swore to him and told him he would never go out to battle with his men again...they needed their great king alive and they could fight the battles now.

3. What do we learn in 21:18-22?
 - a. There were other battles with the Philistines.
 - b. There were other great Philistine warriors who were physically impressive and had better armor who were killed by Israel's men (including the next generation, David's nephew...just another reminder that David is getting older).
 - c. Oh, and now we've rejoined the more historical and less personal story in 1 Chronicles.

4. What happens next, in 2 Samuel 22? _____

5. What kinds of things were in David's song?
 - a. The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation.
 - b. I called on the Lord...The Lord is worthy of praise...and The Lord saved me.
 - c. My enemies were really mean, but God is more powerful.
 - d. My God knows what is going on in my life and he rescues me no matter how bad my situation got.
 - e. You know who I am. God, I have tried to be faithful to you and you have recognized that and responded to me because I am following your guidance.
 - f. God, you have given me strength that I didn't have on my own.
 - g. Thank you for all you have done for me!

6. Was David always righteous? Yes_____ No_____ Then how do we interpret what he says about God helping him because of his righteousness? Is this arrogance? _____

7. What kind of song do you sing? _____
