

SCCC – HOW FAR CAN I STILL GO?

S - Scriptures

“Once again there was a battle between the Philistines and Israel. David went down with his men to fight against the Philistines, and he became exhausted.” 2 Samuel 21: 15

Consideration

The Philistines were the most ferocious enemy of Israel. They began oppressing the Hebrews hundreds of years before David, in the time of the Judges. Years earlier, the young David had fought their champion, a giant named Goliath, and killed him. At the time, David became the most powerful warrior of Israel’s army, “Whatever mission Saul sent him on, David was so successful that Saul gave him a high rank in the army. But, in the battle mentioned here against the same enemies, David got in trouble and almost died: “And Ishbi-Benob, one of the descendants of Rapha, whose bronze spearhead weighed three hundred shekels and who was armed with a new sword, said he would kill David. But Abishai son of Zeruiah came to David’s rescue; he struck the Philistine down and killed him. Then David’s men swore to him, saying, “Never again will you go out with us to battle, so that the lamp of Israel will not be extinguished.”

C – Commitment

David was such a zealous King. He loved God with all his heart and loved his nation. He served and defended his countrymen since his youth. However, without realizing it he had aged and his strength was no longer the same. He wanted to fight, but his body didn’t respond as before. Wisely, his leaders basically told him, let us fight the battles, and you just mentor, govern, and pray for us. If you do that, we will need nothing else. This narrative makes me think about my own life. In my early twenties I would get up at five in the morning to work, would come home at almost six, at seven I was at school until eleven. From my thirties to my fifties, I served and worked in several activities in ministry, and I would still have so much energy after my day was over. Yet, like David, I no longer have that same strength. There are a few exceptions in the Scriptures like the elderly Caleb, who claimed to have the same strength as when he was forty, “I am today, eighty-five years old, still as strong today as I was the day Moses sent me out. As my strength was then, so it is now for war.” And, the senior warrior went to war against ferocious enemies and won the battle. David needed to be rescued and Caleb was victorious in his last battle. The Lord provided both with supernatural power. One to fight and the other to govern in their old ages; therefore, I need the wisdom to serve my God, with the strength He gives, to move on in the assignment He trusted to me, but respecting my limits.

C – Call

My God, thank you for the strength and vigor You gave to fight many battles over the years. I know that You were the One Who blessed me with many victories. Lord, help me to rejoice

with the tasks I am able to do, without trying to do what I used to do. Help me to bless and to help the younger warriors of my generation to fear, to serve, to love the Lord, and to fight the spiritual battles against our enemies. In Jesus's name, I pray. Amen!