

The Bravehearted Man

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The Bravehearted Soldier

A soldier that has acted with the most illustrious courage - repelling the enemy at the point of greatest threat, and demonstrating an undauntedness in the face of enemy fire.

The Self-Preserving Mindset

You're tired, let someone else carry the weight, let someone else bear the burden for this one

The Self-Expending Mindset

100% in Every Situation

- The Post-Office Principle
- The Post-Office Principle gone inward
 - *Your assignment is right in front of you, be fully present, fully given, fully deposited.*
Everything needed for absolute engagement will be supplied.

100% Percent

- My God asks me to “watch with Him.”
- My wife asks me to stay up and talk with her
- My children ask me for special attention
- My disciples need to be pulled through
- My staff is in need of my strength
- The weak are desperate for my help

- My hard-earned resources are required for the Glory of God

Andrizomai - än-drē'-zo-mī

To show oneself a man, to be brave - to prove oneself a bravehearted man

Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong.

1 Corinthians 16:13

Built for the Impossible Battles

When everyone else flags, the Bravehearted man's hand cleaves unto the hilt of the sword

The Hammer

HAM'MER, n. An instrument for driving nails, beating metals, and the like.

A hammer is a tool meant to deliver an impact to an object. The most common uses are for driving nails, fitting parts, forging metal and breaking up objects. Hammers are often designed for a specific purpose, and vary widely in their shape and structure. The usual features are a handle and a head, with most of the weight in the head.

A hammer is a force amplifier that works by converting mechanical work into kinetic energy and back. In this way, great strength is not needed to produce a force strong enough to bend steel, or crack the hardest stone.

The Force Amplifier

Even a small exertion of wielded strength can be converted into that which might bend steel or crack the most indomitable stone.

A Hammer Unused

Means Steel Unbent and Stone Uncracked

The Maccabees - The Hammer

Pulled from the ancient tool bag in 167 B.C.

In those days arose Mattathias the son of John, the son of Simeon, a priest of the sons of Joarib, from Jerusalem, and dwelt in Modin. And he had five sons . . .

1. John
2. Simon
3. Judah (The Hammer)
4. Eleazar
5. and Jonathan

And when he saw the blasphemies that were committed in Judah and Jerusalem, He said, Woe is me! wherefore was I born to see this misery of my people, and of the holy city, and to dwell there, when it was delivered into the hand of the enemy, and the sanctuary into the hand of strangers? Her temple is become as a man without glory. Her glorious vessels are carried away into captivity, her infants are slain in the streets, her young men with the sword of the enemy. What nation hath not had a part in her kingdom and gotten of her spoils? All her ornaments are taken away; of a free woman she is become a bondslave. And, behold, our sanctuary, even our beauty and our glory, is laid waste, and the Gentiles have profaned it. To what end therefore shall we live any longer? Then Mattathias and his sons rent their clothes, and put on sackcloth, and mourned very sore. In the meanwhile the king's officers, such as compelled the people to revolt, came into the city Modin, to make them sacrifice. And when many of Israel came unto them, Mattathias also and his sons came together. Then answered the king's officers, and said to Mattathias on this wise, Thou art a ruler, and an honorable and great man in this city, and strengthened with sons and brethren: Now therefore come thou first, and fulfill the king's commandment, like as all the heathen have done, yea, and the men of Judah also, and such as remain at Jerusalem: so shalt thou and thy house

be in the number of the king's friends, and thou and thy children shall be honored with silver and gold, and many rewards. Then Mattathias answered and spoke with a loud voice, Though all the nations that are under the king's dominion obey him, and fall away every one from the religion of their fathers, and give consent to his commandments: Yet will I and my sons and my brethren walk in the covenant of our fathers. God forbid that we should forsake the law and the ordinances. We will not hearken to the king's words, to go from our religion, either on the right hand, or the left. Now when he had left speaking these words, there came one of the Jews in the sight of all to sacrifice on the altar which was at Modin, according to the king's commandment. Which thing when Mattathias saw, he was inflamed with zeal, and his reins trembled, neither could he forbear to show his anger according to judgment: wherefore he ran, and slew him upon the altar. Also the king's commissioner, who compelled men to sacrifice, he killed at that time, and the altar he pulled down. Thus dealt he zealously for the law of God like as Phinehas did unto Zambri the son of Salom. And Mattathias cried throughout the city with a loud voice, saying, Whosoever is zealous of the law, and maintains the covenant, let him follow me. So he and his sons fled into the mountains, and left all that ever they had in the city.

1 Maccabees 2:1-28

The Maccabee Name

Who is like you among the mighty heroes, Oh Lord?

Exodus 15:11

Mi chamocha **ba'**elim, YHWH?

Machbanai - (M)a(chba)nai

One of the Gadite Heroes that gave his strength unto David

Meaning of Name: *Clothed with the Divine Mantle of Covenant*

Some Gadites joined David at the stronghold in the wilderness, mighty men of valor, men trained for battle, who could handle shield and spear, whose faces were like the faces of lions, and were as swift as gazelles on the mountains . . . Jeremiah the tenth, and **Machbanai** the eleventh.

1 Chronicles 12:8,13

Phinehas

Then stood up Phinehas, and executed judgment: and so the plague was stayed. And that was counted unto him for righteousness unto all generations for evermore.

Psalm 106:30-31

And Israel abode in Shittim, and the people began to commit whoredom with the daughters of Moab. And they called the people unto the sacrifices of their gods: and the people did eat, and bowed down to their gods. And Israel joined himself unto Baalpeor: and the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel. And the LORD said unto Moses, Take all the heads of the people, and hang them up before the LORD against the sun, that the fierce anger of the LORD may be turned away from Israel. And Moses said unto the judges of Israel, Slay ye every one his men that were joined unto Baalpeor. And, behold, one of the children of Israel came and brought unto his brethren a Midianitish woman in the sight of Moses, and in the sight of all the congregation of the children of Israel, who were weeping before the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. And when Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, saw it, he rose up from among the congregation, and took a javelin in his hand; And he went after the man of Israel into the tent, and thrust both of them through, the man of Israel, and the woman through her belly. So the plague was stayed from

the children of Israel. And those that died in the plague were twenty and four thousand. And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, hath turned my wrath away from the children of Israel, while he was zealous for my sake among them, that I consumed not the children of Israel in my jealousy. Wherefore say, Behold, I give unto him my covenant of peace: And he shall have it, and his seed after him, even the covenant of an everlasting priesthood; because he was zealous for his God, and made an atonement for the children of Israel. Now the name of the Israelite that was slain, even that was slain with the Midianitish woman, was Zimri, the son of Salu, a prince of a chief house among the Simeonites.

Numbers 25:1-14

William Wallace

Indeed, so great was the havoc, that the day must have ended in the universal destruction of every Scot in the field had not Wallace felt the crisis, and that as Guy de Longueville he shed his blood in vain. In vain his terrified countrymen saw him rush into the thickest of the carnage: in vain he called to them, by all that was sacred to man, to stand to the last. He was a foreigner, and they had no confidence in his exhortations; death was before them, and they turned to fly. The fate of his country hung on an instant. The last rays of the setting sun shone full on the rocky promontory of the hill which projected over the field of combat. He took his resolution; and spurring his steed up the steep ascent, stood on the summit, where he could be seen by the whole army; then taking off his helmet, he waved it in the air, with a shout, and having drawn all eyes upon him, suddenly exclaimed, "Scots! You have this day vanquished the Southrons twice! If you be men, remember Cambus-Kenneth, and follow William Wallace to a third victory!" The cry which issued from the amazed troops was that of a people who beheld the angel of their deliverance. "Wallace!" was the charge-word of every heart. The hero's courage seemed instantaneously diffused through every breast; and, with braced arms and determined

spirits, forming at once into the phalanx his thundering voice dictated, the Southrons again felt the weight of the Scottish steel; and a battle ensued, which made the bright Eske run purple to the sea, and covered the pastoral glades of Hawthorndean with the bodies of its invaders.

The Scottish Chiefs

Chapter 68, Roslyn

Built for the Vulnerable

The wicked flee when no one pursues, But the righteous are bold as a lion.

Proverbs 28:1

If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food, and one of you says to them, "Depart in peace, be warmed and filled," but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what does it profit?

James 2:15-16

Stand in the Gap

`Amad Perets

`Amad - ä·mad'

To stand immovable, to rise implacable, to position oneself to endure the harshest winds, to march forward and persist in the darkest hour, to keep swinging the sword and remain steadfast though all seems lost, to stand unflinching when the arrows fly, to plant your feet in the soil of danger and set your jaw for battle.

And it was so, when the king saw Esther the queen *`Amad* in the court, that she obtained favor in his sight: and the king held out to Esther the golden scepter that was in his hand. So Esther drew near, and touched the top of the scepter.

Esther 5:2

Perets - Peh'·rets

The breach of vulnerability, a gap of exposure, a chink in the armor, the broken wall through which Hell's minions fly.

`Amad Perets!

To Prove Yourself a Man in the Harrowing Gap

To stand Immovable and Implacable in the midst of the Hazardous Breach

To Plant your feet in the Way of Peril in order to stop the onrush of Hell's Minions

Made Strong

To fill the gap

The Time of the Man

- When someone must stand, look no further than me.
- When someone must suffer, here I am, volunteering my body, my blood.
- When someone must go without, I choose to be the one.
- When a man is needed, may one be found right here.

The Cross

The Time of the Man

- The Manly Exertion of Obedience
- The Deliberate Choice to Suffer
- The Purposeful Giving up of Strength on behalf of the Weak

Men, may it not be said of this semester, that the women had to be the men.

David

A 12-year old Ellerslie Student

Built for this Hour

Now is my soul troubled; and what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour: but for this cause came I unto this hour.

John 12:27

Mordecai:

If thou altogether holds thy peace at this time, then shall there enlargement and deliverance arise to the Jews from another place; but thou and thy father's house shall be destroyed: and who knows whether thou art come to the kingdom **for such a time as this?**

Esther:

I go in unto the king, which is not according to the law: and **if I perish, I perish.**

Esther 4:14:16

The Patriot (the father instinct for the fatherland [patria - pater])

The zealous, bravehearted preserver of the entrusted range

God armeth the patriot.

William Wallace

So shall you keep the watch of the house, that it be not broken down . . .

And you shall compass the king round about, every man with his weapons

in his hand: and he that comes **within the ranges**, let him be slain:
and be ye with the king as he goes out and as he cometh in . . . And to the
captains over hundreds did the priest give **king David's spears**
and shields, that were in the temple of the LORD.

2 Kings 11:6,8,10

The Intercessor

The Gap-Filler, The Patriot, The Priest

Judgment is turned away backward, and justice standeth afar off: for truth
is fallen in the street, and equity cannot enter . . . And he saw that there
was no man, and wondered that **there was no intercessor**: therefore his
arm brought salvation unto him; and his righteousness, it sustained him.

Isaiah 59:14,16

The Paga` - Pä·gah'

The one who strikes upon an encroaching enemy, the man who intercedes against a threat, the one who
meets the opposition with force, the one who brings peace through war-willing intervention. God's
Patriot armed with Davidic strength in order to stand for the weak.

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Where is *The Paga`*?

Ye have not gone up into the *Perets*, neither made up the hedge for the house of Israel to *`Amad* in the battle in the day of the LORD.

Ezekiel 13:5

And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and *`Amad Perets* before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none.

Ezekiel 22:30

The Hour of Need

Someone will receive a blow - either a nail must be pounded in, steel must be bent, or a stone must cracked. A Hammer is called upon. And for this cause you were born. For such a time as this. Spend yourself. Take your stand. Do not cower - do not retreat - do not back down! Steel the spine! Rise up and take the blow! Enter the fray! Andrizomai - quit you like a man!

Following the Mighties

- **Job** - when the widow was endangered, the orphan vulnerable, and the poor in need of a defender
- **Moses** - when God's judgment rested squarely on the head of all Israel
- **Phinehas** - when Zimri openly mocked the righteous Law
- **David** - when Goliath defied the armies of the Living God
- **Eleazar** - when the Philistines sought to take Pasdammin by sword
- **Joab** - when the Jebusites publicly mocked King David
- **Jashobeam** - when 800 Philistines threatened His King's domain
- **Josiah** - when Israel had gone astray and the House of God was defiled
- **Hezekiah** - when the Assyrian King mocked the powers of God to save
- **Mattathias** - when a fellow Israelite ascended to the altar to sacrifice a profane thing upon the pure altar of Jehovah

- **Athanasius** - when the Diety of Jesus Christ was challenged by the Church of his day
- **Wallace** - when the English ransacked and raped his homeland, Scotland - defiling it for their pleasure
- **Luther** - when the Truth of the Gospel was traded out for a lie
- **Jesus** - When in our rebellion we claimed ourselves gods, and thus invited the wrath of God upon our sorry heads - He to rescue me from danger interposed His precious blood.

The Bravehearted Man

The Man of 100%

Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death He might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery.

Hebrews 2:14,15

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But this one was made a priest with an oath by the one who said to him: "The Lord has sworn and will not change his mind, 'You are a priest forever.'" **This makes Jesus the guarantor of a better covenant.** The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office, but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently, **he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.** For it was indeed fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. He has no need, like those high

priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people, since he did this once for all when he offered up himself. For the law appoints men in their weakness as high priests, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

Hebrews 7:21-28

The Rescue Shelter

The Bravehearted Soldier fully exposes his life to the harrowing dangers of war, not considering his own skin and how he can save it, but rather, how he might spend it for the benefit of others.

A man must first be clothed in the Divine Mantle of Covenant, Jesus Christ. Then he is quickened to become a covering of strength, a shield for the weak, a strong refuge for the vulnerable, a provision for the hungry, naked, and oppressed; a father to the fatherless; a defender of the widow; and a covert from the storm. He becomes a very real rescue shelter in a time of crisis.