

# ***Fire in the Belly***

## ***Session 10: The Passion for Respect***

2 Samuel 23:13-17

***During harvest time, three of the thirty chief men came down to David at the cave of Adullam, while a band of Philistines was encamped in the Valley of Rephaim. At that time David was in the stronghold, and the Philistine garrison was at Bethlehem. David longed for water and said, "Oh, that someone would get me a drink of water from the well near the gate of Bethlehem!" So the three mighty men broke through the Philistine lines, drew water from the well near the gate of Bethlehem and carried it back to David. But he refused to drink it; instead, he poured it out before the Lord. "Far be it from me, O Lord, to do this!" he said. "Is it not the blood of men who went at the risk of their lives?" And David would not drink it. Such were the exploits of the three mighty men.***

**DEFINITION:** Respect is esteem and honor

### **I. Men crave respect**

- From other men
- From women

Ephesians 5:33

***However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.***

### **II. Respect begins with God**

Micah 6:8

***He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.***

- Knowing what is required

- **Doing** what is required

### III. Respect must be **earned**

1 Thessalonians 4:11

***Make it your ambition to lead a quiet life, to mind your own business and to work with your hands, just as we told you, so that your daily life may win the respect of outsiders and so that you will not be dependent on anybody.***

- Through **integrity**
  
- By **courage**

### **Discussion Questions**

1. Give an example of a man who you respected greatly when you were a boy/young man. What was it that caused you to respect him?
2. Can you recall a time when you earned and received the respect of another man? What was the situation? How was his respect conveyed?
3. Is it possible to dislike someone – but to have respect for them? How so?
4. How is “respect” different from “approval?”