

Shammah's responsibility
More than a pile of beans...

Last week – Gideon's Faith in God's Ability

- When God called, Gideon answered
 - Made certain he knew what God wanted
 - Did whatever God asked
 - People followed him because they knew he followed God
- **The time, talent and treasure of a sanctified saint terrifies the enemy**
- **It was the power of The LORD combining with the leadership and following of faithful people that causes the destruction of the enemy**

In David's last days, he remembers heroes

“These are the names of David's mightiest warriors. The first was Jashobeam the Hacmonite, who was leader of the Three —the three mightiest warriors among David's men... Next in rank among the Three was Eleazar son of Dodai, a descendant of Ahoah... Next in rank was Shammah son of Agee from Harar.”

2 Samuel 23

What is Shammah's great claim to fame?

“One time the Philistines gathered at Lehi and attacked the Israelites in a field full of lentils. The Israelite army fled, but Shammah held his ground in the middle of the field and beat back the Philistines. So the Lord brought about a great victory.”

Literally, he's known for a pile of beans?

- His exploits with the others are recorded, but his single most memorable moment happened in that bean (lentil) field

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- His efforts in battle, his brave deeds, his heroic actions, and this is what he's remembered for?

Yep. That's it...

- Shammah and the bean field
 - Shammah and the pea patch
- Regardless, Shammah is known for what happened in that place

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 - There is a great victory for the Lord

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Is is really that simple?

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- There is no indication that there was anything at all important other than the fact that while others retreated, Shammah stood his ground and trusted the battle to God

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 - Wow
 - That dog will hunt...

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- If it is what you were born for, what your purpose is, and you walk away, will you regret and recover?

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- Shine your light! Blow your horn! Trust the Lord! Stand and fight!