



Lesson 66

Lesson 66: What Is Faith? (Part 22) Faith of David

Scripture: Hebrews 11:32; 1 Samuel 17

Men of Hebrews 11:32

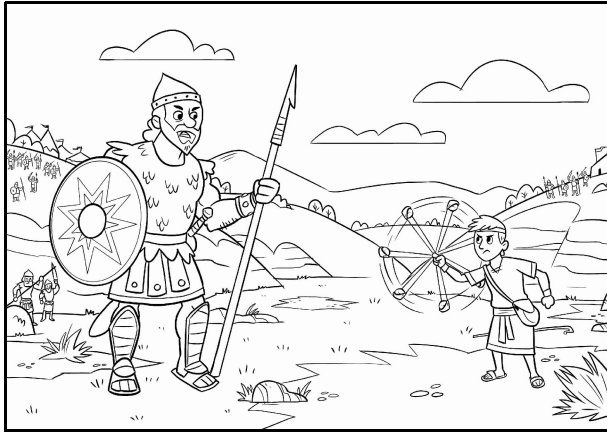
→ MEN of GOD

- Gideon, a farmer
- Barak, an Army General
- Samson, a religious Nazarite
- Jephthah, a Bastard
- David, a King
- Samuel, a Prophet

→ What did these men have in common?

- ① ALL ruled Israel during very dark times.
- ② ALL had faith that was far from perfect. These men had faith like many of us! It was mingled with fear, soiled with unbelief and doubt, troubled by human reasoning. We are to learn to imitate their strengths – NOT their failures! BUT we are learn from their failures.
- ③ ALL were raised up by God to do extraordinary things.
- ④ ALL were recorded in God's Word for our learning.





Open Our Eyes, O Lord

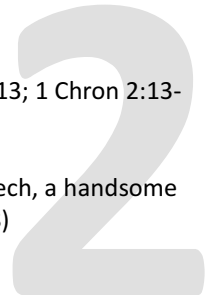
- A disciple has graduated from children’s Sunday School into God’s university where determination, discipline, diligence, and WORK is required.
- A disciple is one who no longer colors pictures but one who looks at and meditates on each and every word.
- A disciple **meditates** on God’s Word day and night. (Psalm 1:1-3)
- A disciple **lives** on every word that comes from the mouth of God. (Luke 4:4)
- A disciple grows meditating own God’s word - not just reading it.
- A disciple is a DOER of what he/she learns. (James 1:22)
- ONLY DISCIPLES GO TO HEAVEN.

PROVIDENCE of GOD

God’s Providence: “God’s constant care for and His absolute rule over all His creation, directing all things to their appointed end for His own glory and for the good of His people.”

Who Was David?

- The youngest of the 8 sons of Jesse. (1 Samuel 17:12-13; 1 Chron 2:13-15)
- Great grandson of Boaz and Ruth. (Ruth 4:17-22)
- “a mighty man of valor, a man of war, prudent in speech, a handsome person, and the LORD is with him” (1 Samuel 16:18)



Anointed to Be King (1 Samuel 16)

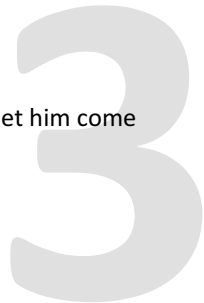
- After God rejected Saul He sends Samuel to anoint the next king of Israel - one who has been anointed by God **already**. (Remember Daniel 2:21; 4:17; Jeremiah 1:5; Psalm 139:16) God raised up David to be king. (Acts 13:22)
- The years is ca. 1010 BC. David will not become king until ca. 1025 BC.
- **MEDITATE:** Nothing could happen in these 15 years could happen to David that would prevent him from becoming king. (Isaiah 14:24-27; 4:9-11; Daniel 4:35; Psalm 33:11; Proverbs 19:21; 21:30; Acts 4:27-28; Ephesians 1:9-11)
 - ★ **MANY THINGS DID HAPPEN IN THESE 15 YEARS! - MANY DIFFICULT THINGS!**
- God chose Jesse's youngest son! Jesse did not even have David present when Samuel came.
- **LESSON:** (Psalm 37:5-7) "Commit your way to the LORD, trust also in Him, and He will bring it to pass . . . Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for Him . . ."
- **MEDITATE:** (1 Samuel 16:7) "God looks at the heart." **BUT** remember, "He (GOD) fashions (the work of a potter) their hearts **individually**." (Proverbs 22:2; Isaiah 64:8)

The Prelude to Battle (1 Samuel 17:12-23)

- Jesse's three oldest son are serving in Israel's army. (1 Samuel 17:14)
- This means that four of his sons are still at home.
- Jesse (by the providence of God) sends David to provide supplies for Jesse's three sons!!!!
- (v. 20) Learn from David's actions. He swiftly obeyed and did the will of his father.
- **PROVIDENCE:** David arrives when Israel's army is moving into battle positions and when Goliath comes out to taunt Israel.

The Enemy (1 Samuel 17:1-11)

- Goliath, a giant from Gath in Gaza. (Joshua 11:22)
- (v. 8) HEAR Goliath's taunt:
 - "You are servants of Saul." – NOT THE LORD!
 - "Choose a **man** (not a male) for yourselves, and let him come down to me." (Same challenge in v. 10)
 - For **40** days Goliath taunted the army of Israel.
- (v. 9) Goliath's deal.



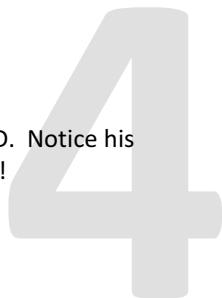
- ★ When Saul and the rest of Israel heard these words they were dismayed and **greatly** afraid.
 - What about the Saul of 1 Samuel 9:2 - “From shoulders upward he was taller than any of the people.”
 - What about the Jonathan of 1 Samuel 14:14 - who had killed 20 Philistines.
 - What about Abner, the captain of Saul’s army - “a valiant man” (1 Samuel 26:15)

Prepared for Battle (1 Samuel 17:31-40)

- David’s determination before Saul, “Let no man’s heart fail because of him (Goliath); your servant will go and fight this Philistine.”
- Saul’s answer, “You are not able to go against the Philistine to fight with him; for you are youth, and he is a man of war from his youth!”
- (v. 37) Saul was RIGHT! But David looked to the LORD.
- As a young shepherd, David had to face trials and dangers.
- God had trained for this day by sending a bear and lion against him.
- **LESSON:** Through all the trials that God sends He is training you for something GREATER! (Jeremiah 12:1-5)
- Saul’s armor would do David no good – it was not how the LORD had trained him!!! “I have not tested these . . . but God tested me in His ways!”
- (v. 40) David approaches GOLIATH with:
 - ① His staff - a shepherd’s staff.
 - ② Five smooth stones.
 - ③ His sling.
 - ④ And he LORD.

The Battle (1 Samuel 17:41-51)

- (vv. 41, 45) Goliath comes to battle with:
 - ① A bronze helmet.
 - ② Armed with a coat of mail (scaled armor).
 - ③ A sword
 - ④ A spear
 - ⑤ A javelin
 - ⑥ A shield
- (v. 45) Notice David’s zeal for the NAME of the LORD. Notice his indignation toward those who defile God’s name!



- (v. 47) David's faith in battle, "then all this assembly (even the one gathered at the Bible study) shall **know** that the LORD does not save with sword and spear; for the battle is the LORD's, . . ."
- ★ Ecclesiastes 9:11; Psalm 33:16-17; 147:10-11; Jeremiah 9:23-24.

Learning from David's Faith

- ① Pride goes before destruction (Proverbs 16:18; 18:12) Goliath boasted and fell. David's faith was not in his own strength or wisdom but in the LORD. Disciples do not boast in themselves but in the LORD. (Jeremiah 9:23-24;)
 - ★ Pride ends in humiliation, while humility brings honor. (Prov 29:23)
 - ★ God gives MORE GRACE to the humble, but He resists the proud (James 4:6)
- ② The fear of man brings a snare, but whoever trusts in the LORD shall be safe (Proverbs 29:25)
- ③ God's ways are not our ways. The world's ways will not work in our battles. (Isaiah 55:8-9)
- ④ David's trust was in the LORD! (Proverbs 3:5-7)
- ⑤ David had a zeal for the name of the LORD.
- ⑥ Every trial that God brings to us is for purpose of growing our faith. (1 Peter 1:6-9)
- ⑦ Proverbs 3:5-7 –
 - ① TRUST in the LORD with **all** your heart.
 - ② LEAN NOT on your own understanding.
 - ③ In **all** your ways ACKNOWLEDGE Him and He **will** direct your paths.
 - ④ Do not be WISE in you own eyes.
 - ⑤ FEAR the LORD
 - ⑥ DEPART from evil