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**Faith in the Old Testament: Part 7**

**David**

**Hebrews 11:32-34 / 1 Samuel 16-17**

• This is God’s Word.

• It is a perfect treasure of divine instruction.

• It has God for its author,

• salvation for its end,

• and truth, without any mixture of error, for its matter.

• It is the supreme source of truth

• for what we believe

• and how we live.

How much more do I need to say? It would take too long to recount the stories of the faith of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David, Samuel, and all the prophets.

By faith, these people overthrew kingdoms, ruled with justice, and received what God had promised them. They shut the mouths of lions, quenched the flames of fire, and escaped death by the edge of the sword. Their weakness was turned to strength. They became strong in battle and put whole armies to flight. Hebrews 11:32-34

“Am I a dog,” he roared at David, “that you come at me with a stick?” And he cursed David by the names of his gods. “Come over here, and I’ll give your flesh to the birds and wild animals!” Goliath yelled. 1 Samuel 17:43-44

David replied to the Philistine, “You come to me with sword, spear, and javelin, but I come to you in the name of the LORD of Heaven’s Armies—the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. Today the LORD will conquer you, and I will kill you and cut off your head. And then I will give the dead bodies of your men to the birds and wild animals, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel! And everyone assembled here will know that the LORD rescues his people, but not with sword and spear. This is the LORD’s battle, and he will give you to us!” 1 Samuel 17:45-47

How Did David Develop a Giant Slaying Faith?

David Prepared Heart!

**Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life. Proverbs 4:23**

**But now your kingdom must end, for the LORD has sought out a man after his own heart… 1 Samuel 13:14**

**But the LORD said to Samuel, “Don’t judge by his appearance or height, for I have rejected him. The LORD doesn’t see things the way you see them. People judge by outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.” 1 Samuel 16:7**

* **His Heart was Broken by Sin.**

**The sacrifice you desire is a broken spirit. You will not reject a broken and repentant heart, O God. Psalm 51:17**

* **His Heart Desired Purity.**

**Create in me a clean heart, O God. Renew a loyal spirit within me. Psalm 51:10**

* **His Heart Trusted in the Lord.**

**The LORD is my strength and shield. I trust him with all my heart. Psalm 28:7**

* **His Heart was Committed to the Lord.**

**Joyful are those who obey his laws and search for him with all their hearts. Psalm 119:2**

**David Exercised His Faith!**

**But David persisted. “I have been taking care of my father’s sheep and goats,” he said. “When a lion or a bear comes to steal a lamb from the flock,
 I go after it with a club and rescue the lamb from its mouth. If the animal turns on me, I catch it by the jaw and club it to death.” 1 Samuel 17:34-35**

**If you are faithful in little things, you will be faithful in large ones. Luke 16:10**

**David Gave God What He Had!**

**Then Saul gave David his own armor—a bronze helmet and a coat of mail.  David put it on, strapped the sword over it, and took a step or two to see what it was like, for he had never worn such things before. “I can’t go in these,” he protested to Saul. “I’m not used to them.” So, David took them off again. 1 Samuel 17:38-39**

**David Made a Choice!**

* **David’s Brother Questioned His Motives.**

**But when David’s oldest brother, Eliab, heard David talking to the men, he was angry. “What are you doing around here anyway?” he demanded. “What about those few sheep you’re supposed to be taking care of? I know about your pride and deceit. You just want to see the battle!” 1 Samuel 17:28**

* **Saul Questioned His Ability.**

**“Don’t be ridiculous!” Saul replied. “There’s no way you can fight this Philistine and possibly win! You’re only a boy, and he’s been a man of war since his youth.” 1 Samuel 17:33**

* **Goliath Mocked Him.**

**“Come over here, and I’ll give your flesh to the birds and wild animals!” Goliath yelled. 1 Samuel 17:44**

**Will YOU Be a Giant Slayer?**