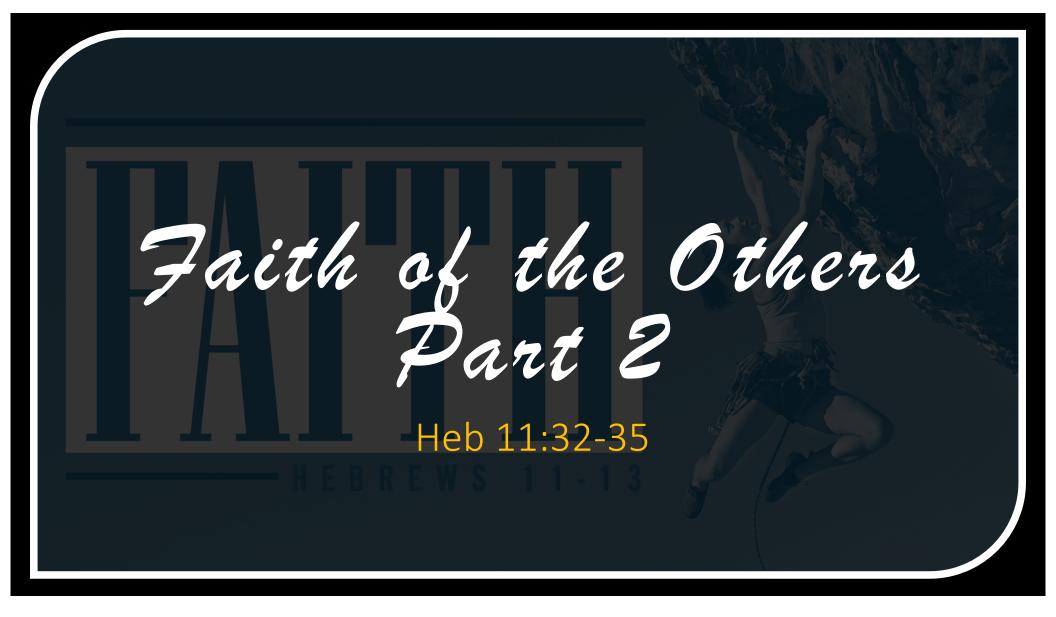
## HEBREWS 11-13







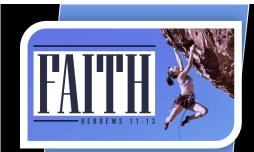


Call to the Word

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen...But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him...

(Heb 11:1,6)





Call to the Word

And what more shall I say? For the time would fail me to tell of Gideon and Barak and Samson and Jephthah, also of David and Samuel and the prophets: who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions... (Heb 11:32-33)





Call to the Word

...quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens.

Women received their dead raised to life again. (Heb 11:34-35a)









Intro

"The fundamental fact of existence is that this trust in God, this faith, is the firm foundation under everything that makes life worth living."









There was a 15-year period where David was flying blind. He had been anointed king at the age of 16... but did not see it come to pass. He spent those years fleeing Saul.







## **Reasons to Quit:**

Discouraged Disillusioned Impatient Exhausted

"So, let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up."

(Gal 6:9)



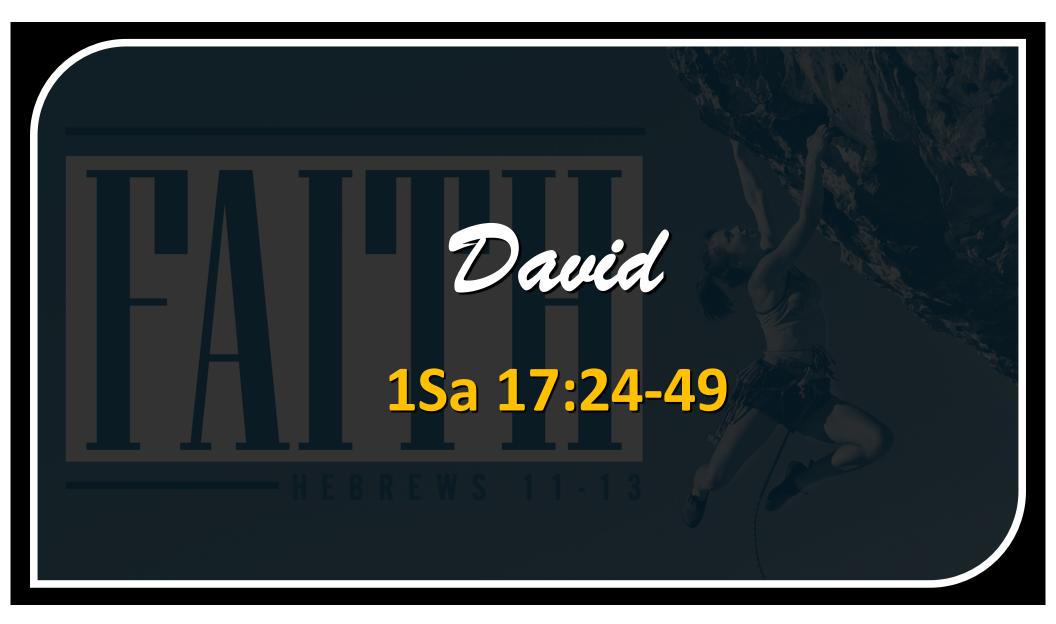




"David never let the size of the battle determine where it wound up. He overcame all odds because of his great faith and heart after God."

1Co 10:11 These things happened to them as examples for us.

Eph 3:20 Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think.







The men of Israel saw things only from man's perspective, but David saw things from the LORD's perspective... To David... Goliath was a dead man standing. And RIGHT THERE was where the battle was won.

"Man's extremity is God's opportunity."





"Little tests" are but preparation for the bigger battles that are sure to come

"David's ... boldness demonstrated the great strength of one who is protected by help from on high." (Chrysostom).







David knew that God's help in times past is a prophecy of His help in the future.

David was bold, but bold in God not in himself. He knew the battle belonged to the LORD.

2Chr 20:15-17







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Zec 4:6

The consciousness of the presence of God is always one of the greatest factors to dispel fear from our lives.







"David had the calm hand and careful aim of someone who really trusted God."

Everyone else thought, "Goliath is so big, I can't beat him." David thought, "Goliath is so big, I can't miss him."







Heb 11:1 "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

**Substance:** God's Word

Deu 7:21-24







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**Evidence:** conviction of their reality







Faith was the fact of existence for David... His trust in God, his faith, was the firm foundation under everything that made his life worth living. It was his handle on what he couldn't see. This act of faith is what distinguished him and set him above the crowd.







## We have His Word!

Ps 138:2 "... for you have magnified Your word above all Your name."

God is saying, 'I value my integrity above everything else. Above everything else I want to be believed.'



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