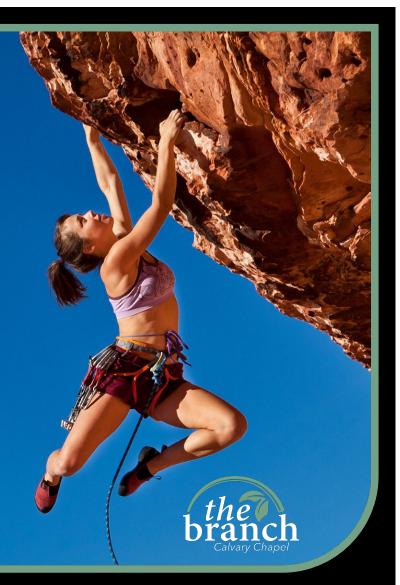
HEBREWS 11-13







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

Heb 11:1,6,32-35

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

Heb 11:1,6,32-35

...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)







Faith
of the
Others
intro

A little grain of mustard-seed has a principle of life in it, and contains an embryo of the future plant; so with the implanting of the principle of faith in the heart—it will be consummated in, Glory... No matter what our lot may be—"All things are possible to him that believeth"





Faith
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intro

"Nothing is impossible for the people of God who trust in the power of God to accomplish the will of God." (Platt)









"This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: 'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' Says the LORD of hosts.

Zech 4:6







Some trust in chariots, and some in horses; But we will remember the name of the LORD our God.

Psalm 20:7

The "plus God" part makes all the difference.







Therefore, humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.

1Peter 5:6-7







Barak was weak yet God used him, even with faltering faith.

2Co 1:8-10

Barak
Heb 11:32





Barak Heb 11:32 "(God) brings us to the point where we feel pressed beyond measure in order that we will have no other choice but to call upon Him and find in Him greater strength than we could ever find in our own ability." (Courson)

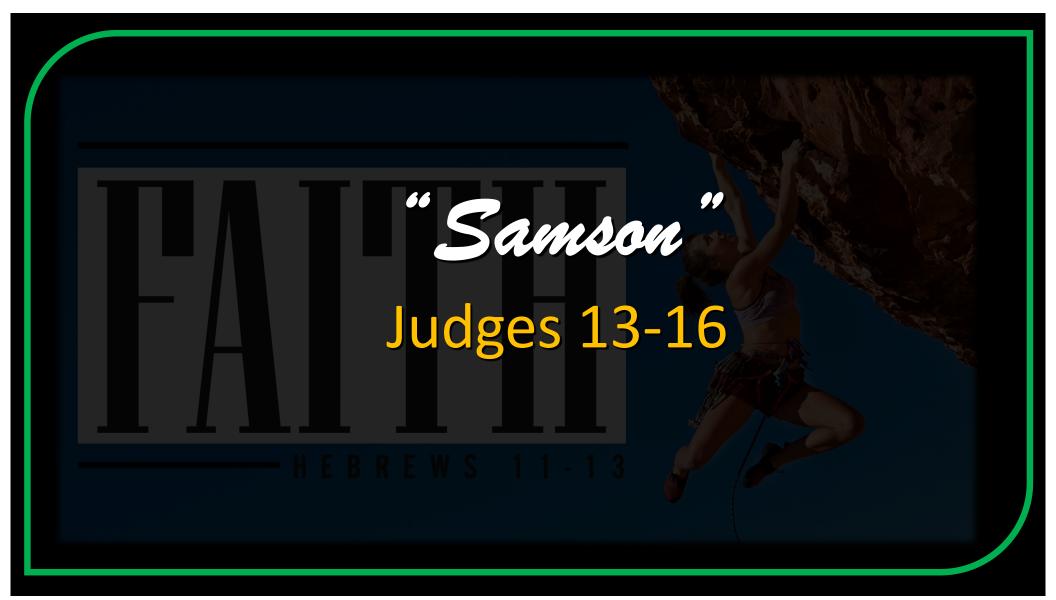




Barak Heb 11:32 "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

Isa 41:10







Picture of the Disobedient Believer

Jdg 16:19-30

Samson Heb 11:32 His usefulness to God's agenda never nullified the consequences of his issues...





Samson
Heb 11:32

"Samson did trust God to help and deliver him and, in the end, Samson was willing to give his life to defeat the enemy. However, we must not conclude that believers today can expect to lead double lives and still enjoy God's blessing." (Weirsbe)







Jephthah didn't allow his past to control his present. He chose to obey God.



God does not disqualify you because of your past.







"The one thing which we emphasize is that God did not count the wrong for which he was not responsible, a disqualification. He raised him up; He gave him His Spirit; He employed him to deliver His people in the hour of their need." (Morgan)





Jephtha
Heb 11:32

Act 22:3-4

1Co 15:9

Gal 1:13

1Ti 1:13

Mercy is reward, or favor, given to those who deserve judgement.

(Farley)







David
Heb 11:32

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

Pro 21:30-31









Samuel faced a rebellious people with the courage of great conviction. He spoke God's word and he spoke it straight up.

1Sa 15:22-23, 27-29, 33





Peter and the Apostles

Act 5:28-33

Samuel
Heb 11:32





Samuel
Heb 11:32

"Should ever the time come, should we be living under the laws or jurisdictions created by man that would infringe upon my responsibilities to God, and the law of the land should be contrary to the laws of God, then I would have to take that very same position, 'I must obey God rather man." (Smith)





reflection

The wonderful qualities of faith are two; it accomplishes great things and suffers great things and counts itself to suffer nothing (Chrysostom).



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