

Faith Like David



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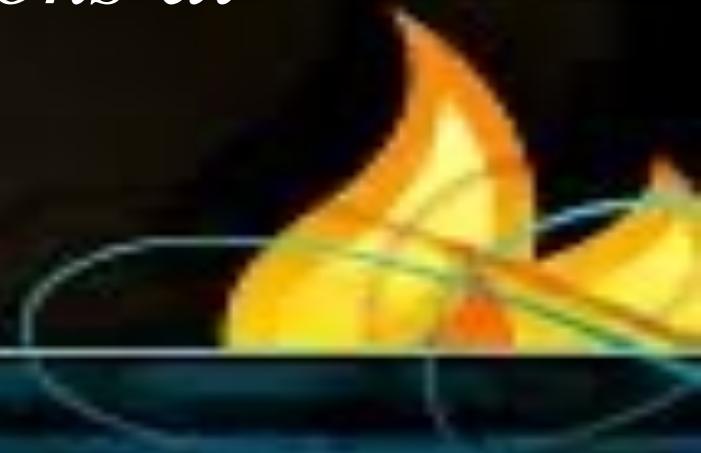


1 Samuel 16:4-13

4 So Samuel did as the LORD instructed. When he arrived at Bethlehem, the elders of the town came trembling to meet him. “What’s wrong?” they asked. “Do you come in peace?” 5 “Yes,” Samuel replied. “I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. Purify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.” Then Samuel performed the purification rite for Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice, too.



6 When they arrived, Samuel took one look at Eliab and thought, “Surely this is the LORD’s anointed!” 7 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.”



In the same way all seven of Jesse's sons were presented to Samuel. But Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these." ¹¹ Then Samuel asked, "Are these all the sons you have?" "There is still the youngest," Jesse replied. "But he's out in the fields watching the sheep and goats." "Send for him at once," Samuel said. "We will not sit down to eat until he arrives."



12 So Jesse sent for him. He was dark and handsome, with beautiful eyes. And the LORD said, "This is the one; anoint him." 13 So as David stood there among his brothers, Samuel took the flask of olive oil he had brought and anointed David with the oil. And the Spirit of the LORD came powerfully upon David from that day on...



1 Samuel 17:26-30 (NLT2)

*26 David asked the soldiers standing nearby,
“What will a man get for killing this Philistine and
ending his defiance of Israel? Who is this pagan
Philistine anyway, that he is allowed to defy the
armies of the living God?” ...*



28 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!"

29 "What have I done now?" David replied. "I was only asking a question!"



Psalm 51:5 (NKJV)

*5 Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, And in sin
my mother conceived me.*



Trails come in many forms. Some are relational.
Some are situational.



1 Samuel 17:34-37 (NLT2)

³⁴ 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, ³⁵ 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.



³⁶ I have done this to both lions and bears, and I'll do it to this pagan Philistine, too, for he has defied the armies of the living God! ³⁷ The LORD who rescued me from the claws of the lion and the bear will rescue me from this Philistine!" Saul finally consented. "All right, go ahead," he said. "And may the LORD be with you!"



1 Samuel 17:32-37 (NLT2)

32 “Don’t worry about this Philistine,” David told Saul. “I’ll go fight him!”

33 “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.”



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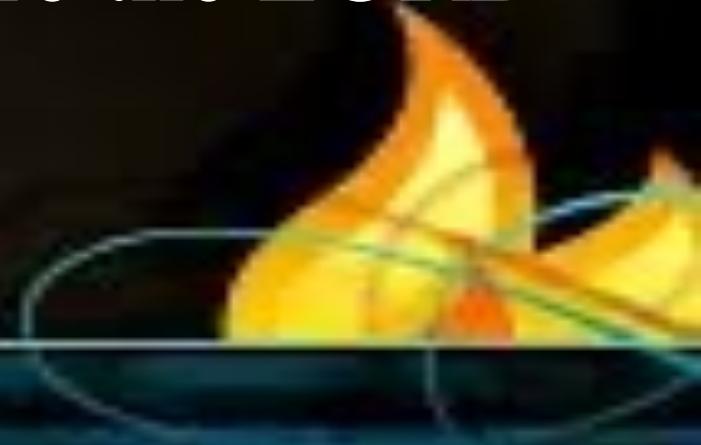
HOW DID DAVID FACE DIFFICULTIES?

1 Samuel 23:9-10 (NLT2)

But David learned of Saul's plan ...¹⁰ Then David prayed,

2 Samuel 7:18 (NLT2)

¹⁸ Then King David went in and sat before the LORD and prayed,



HOW DID DAVID FACE DIFFICULTIES?

2 Samuel 15:31 (NLT2)

31 When someone told David that his adviser Ahithophel was now backing Absalom, David prayed,

1 Chronicles 17:16 (NLT2)

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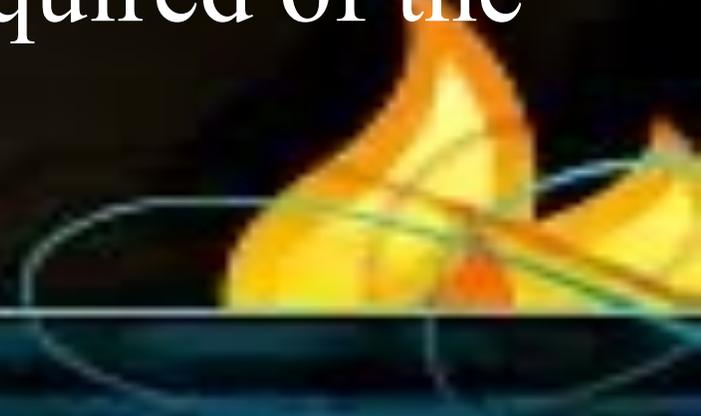
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1 Chronicles 21:26 (NLT2)

²⁶ ...And when David prayed, the LORD answered him...

2 Samuel 21:1 (NKJV)

Now there was a famine in the days of David for three years, year after year; and David inquired of the LORD. And the LORD answered,



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Life Lessons from David

1. Everything you've been through is preparation for what God has prepared for you to do.
2. Character is formed by the way you face difficult situations.



Life Lessons from David

3. Prayer – Asking for direction from God and listening for His voice will guide you in making the right decisions.
4. Walking in fear will keep you from the destiny God has planned for you.
5. God can remove all your fears.



Life Lessons from David

6. Learning to walk with God and trust Him in every area of our lives is the key to fulfilling our God-given destiny.

