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(Hebrews 11:6 New King James)

David as a young shepherd

1Sa 17:1 Now the Philistines gathered their armies for battle; and they were gathered at Socoh which belongs to Judah, and they camped between Socoh and Azekah, in Ephes-dammim.

1Sa 17:2 Saul and the men of Israel were gathered and camped in the valley of Elah, and drew up in battle array to encounter the Philistines.

1Sa 17:3 The Philistines stood on the mountain on one side while Israel stood on the mountain on the other side, with the valley between them.

1Sa 17:4 Then a champion came out from the armies of the Philistines named Goliath, from Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span.

1Sa 17:5 *He had* a bronze helmet on his head, and he was clothed with scale-armor which weighed five thousand shekels of bronze.

1Sa 17:6 *He also had* bronze greaves on his legs and a bronze javelin *slung* between his shoulders.

1Sa 17:7 The shaft of his spear was like a weaver's beam, and the head of his spear *weighed* six hundred shekels of iron; his

shield-carrier also walked before him.

1Sa 17:8 He stood and shouted to the ranks of Israel and said to them, "Why do you come out to draw up in battle array? Am I not the Philistine and you servants of Saul? Choose a man for yourselves and let him come down to me.

1Sa 17:9 "If he is able to fight with me and kill me, then we will become your servants; but if I prevail against him and kill him, then you shall become our servants and serve us."

1Sa 17:10 Again the Philistine said, "I defy the ranks of Israel this day; give me a man

that we may fight together."

1Sa 17:11 When Saul and all Israel heard these words of the Philistine, they were dismayed and greatly afraid.

1Sa 17:12 Now David was the son of the Ephrathite of Bethlehem in Judah, whose name was Jesse, and he had eight sons. And Jesse was old in the days of Saul, advanced *in years* among men.

1Sa 17:13 The three older sons of Jesse had gone after Saul to the battle. And the names of his three sons who went to the battle were Eliab the firstborn, and the second to him Abinadab, and the third Shammah.

1Sa 17:14 David was the youngest. Now the three oldest followed Saul,

1Sa 17:15 but David went back and forth from Saul to tend his father's flock at Bethlehem.

1Sa 17:16 The Philistine came forward morning and evening for forty days and took his stand.

1Sa 17:17 Then Jesse said to David his son, "Take now for your brothers an ephah of this roasted grain and these ten loaves and run to the camp to your brothers.

1Sa 17:18 "Bring also these ten cuts of cheese to the commander of *their* thousand,

and look into the welfare of your brothers,
and bring back news of them.

1Sa 17:19 "For Saul and they and all the
men of Israel are in the valley of Elah,
fighting with the Philistines."

1Sa 17:20 So David arose early in the
morning and left the flock with a keeper and
took *the supplies* and went as Jesse had
commanded him. And he came to the circle
of the camp while the army was going out in
battle array shouting the war cry.

1Sa 17:21 Israel and the Philistines drew up
in battle array, army against army.

1Sa 17:22 Then David left his baggage in the care of the baggage keeper, and ran to the battle line and entered in order to greet his brothers.

1Sa 17:23 As he was talking with them, behold, the champion, the Philistine from Gath named Goliath, was coming up from the army of the Philistines, and he spoke these same words; and David heard *them*.

1Sa 17:24 When all the men of Israel saw the man, they fled from him and were greatly afraid.

1Sa 17:25 The men of Israel said, "Have you seen this man who is coming up? Surely he

is coming up to defy Israel. And it will be that the king will enrich the man who kills him with great riches and will give him his daughter and make his father's house free in Israel."

1Sa 17:26 Then David spoke to the men who were standing by him, saying, "What will be done for the man who kills this Philistine and takes away the reproach from Israel? For who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should taunt the armies of the living God?"

1Sa 17:27 The people answered him in accord with this word, saying, "Thus it will

be done for the man who kills him."

1Sa 17:28 Now Eliab his oldest brother heard when he spoke to the men; and Eliab's anger burned against David and he said, "Why have you come down? And with whom have you left those few sheep in the wilderness? I know your insolence and the wickedness of your heart; for you have come down in order to see the battle."

1Sa 17:29 But David said, "What have I done now? Was it not just a question?"

1Sa 17:30 Then he turned away from him to another and said the same thing; and the people answered the same thing as before.

1Sa 17:31 When the words which David spoke were heard, they told *them* to Saul, and he sent for him.

1Sa 17:32 David said to Saul, "Let no man's heart fail on account of him; your servant will go and fight with this Philistine."

1Sa 17:33 Then Saul said to David, "You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for you are *but* a youth while he has been a warrior from his youth."

1Sa 17:34 But David said to Saul, "Your servant was tending his father's sheep. When a lion or a bear came and took a lamb from the flock,

1Sa 17:35 I went out after him and attacked him, and rescued *it* from his mouth; and when he rose up against me, I seized *him* by his beard and struck him and killed him.

1Sa 17:36 "Your servant has killed both the lion and the bear; and this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, since he has taunted the armies of the living God."

1Sa 17:37 And David said, "The LORD who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, He will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine." And Saul said to David, "Go, and may the LORD be with you."

1Sa 17:38 Then Saul clothed David with his garments and put a bronze helmet on his head, and he clothed him with armor.

1Sa 17:39 David girded his sword over his armor and tried to walk, for he had not tested *them*. So David said to Saul, "I cannot go with these, for I have not tested *them*." And David took them off.

1Sa 17:40 He took his stick in his hand and chose for himself five smooth stones from the brook, and put them in the shepherd's bag which he had, even in *his* pouch, and his sling was in his hand; and he approached the Philistine.

1Sa 17:41 Then the Philistine came on and approached David, with the shield-bearer in front of him.

1Sa 17:42 When the Philistine looked and saw David, he disdained him; for he was *but* a youth, and ruddy, with a handsome appearance.

1Sa 17:43 The Philistine said to David, "Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?" And the Philistine cursed David by his gods.

1Sa 17:44 The Philistine also said to David, "Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the sky and the beasts of the field."

1Sa 17:45 Then David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with a sword, a spear, and a javelin, but I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have taunted.

1Sa 17:46 "This day the LORD will deliver you up into my hands, and I will strike you down and remove your head from you. And I will give the dead bodies of the army of the Philistines this day to the birds of the sky and the wild beasts of the earth, that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel,

1Sa 17:47 and that all this assembly may know that the LORD does not deliver by

sword or by spear; for the battle is the LORD'S and He will give you into our hands."

1Sa 17:48 Then it happened when the Philistine rose and came and drew near to meet David, that David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet the Philistine.

1Sa 17:49 And David put his hand into his bag and took from it a stone and slung *it*, and struck the Philistine on his forehead. And the stone sank into his forehead, so that he fell on his face to the ground.

1Sa 17:50 Thus David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and a stone, and he struck the Philistine and killed him; but there was no sword in David's hand.

1Sa 17:51 Then David ran and stood over the Philistine and took his sword and drew it out of its sheath and killed him, and cut off his head with it. When the Philistines saw that their champion was dead, they fled.

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David demonstrated his faith from an early age.

He inspired his king and his nation (except for his brothers).

His faith inspires us even today.

How do you think David's faith developed?

2Ti 1:5 For I am mindful of the sincere faith within you, which first dwelt in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am sure that *it is* in you as well.

Rth 4:13 So Boaz took Ruth, and she became his wife, and he went in to her. And the LORD enabled her to conceive, and she gave birth to a son.

Rth 4:17 The neighbor women gave him a name, saying, "A son has been born to Naomi!" So they named him Obed. He is the father of Jesse, the father of David.

It is extremely important that we teach our faith to our children!

How else could we expect our grandchildren to have faith like David ?

Pro 22:6 Train up a child in the way he should go, Even when he is old he will not depart from it.

David as a refugee

1Sa 26:5 David then arose and came to the place where Saul had camped. And David saw the place where Saul lay, and Abner the son of Ner, the commander of his army; and Saul was lying in the circle of the camp, and the people were camped around him.

1Sa 26:6 Then David said to Ahimelech the Hittite and to Abishai the son of Zeruah, Joab's brother, saying, "Who will go down with me to Saul in the camp?" And Abishai said, "I will go down with you."

1Sa 26:7 So David and Abishai came to the people by night, and behold, Saul lay sleeping inside the circle of the camp with

his spear stuck in the ground at his head;
and Abner and the people were lying around
him.

1Sa 26:8 Then Abishai said to David,
"Today God has delivered your enemy into
your hand; now therefore, please let me
strike him with the spear to the ground with
one stroke, and I will not strike him the
second time."

1Sa 26:9 But David said to Abishai, "Do not
destroy him, for who can stretch out his
hand against the LORD'S anointed and be
without guilt?"

1Sa 26:10 David also said, "As the LORD lives, surely the LORD will strike him, or his day will come that he dies, or he will go down into battle and perish.

1Sa 26:11 "The LORD forbid that I should stretch out my hand against the LORD'S anointed; but now please take the spear that is at his head and the jug of water, and let us go."

1Sa 26:12 So David took the spear and the jug of water from *beside* Saul's head, and they went away, but no one saw or knew *it*, nor did any awake, for they were all asleep, because a sound sleep from the LORD had

fallen on them.

1Sa 26:13 Then David crossed over to the other side and stood on top of the mountain at a distance *with* a large area between them.

1Sa 26:14 David called to the people and to Abner the son of Ner, saying, "Will you not answer, Abner?" Then Abner replied, "Who are you who calls to the king?"

1Sa 26:15 So David said to Abner, "Are you not a man? And who is like you in Israel? Why then have you not guarded your lord the king? For one of the people came to destroy the king your lord.

1Sa 26:16 "This thing that you have done is not good. As the LORD lives, *all* of you must surely die, because you did not guard your lord, the LORD'S anointed. And now, see where the king's spear is and the jug of water that was at his head."

1Sa 26:17 Then Saul recognized David's voice and said, "Is this your voice, my son David?" And David said, "It is my voice, my lord the king."

1Sa 26:18 He also said, "Why then is my lord pursuing his servant? For what have I done? Or what evil is in my hand?"

1Sa 26:19 "Now therefore, please let my lord the king listen to the words of his servant. If the LORD has stirred you up against me, let Him accept an offering; but if it is men, cursed are they before the LORD, for they have driven me out today so that I would have no attachment with the inheritance of the LORD, saying, 'Go, serve other gods.'

1Sa 26:20 "Now then, do not let my blood fall to the ground away from the presence of the LORD; for the king of Israel has come out to search for a single flea, just as one hunts a partridge in the mountains."

1Sa 26:21 Then Saul said, "I have sinned. Return, my son David, for I will not harm you again because my life was precious in your sight this day. Behold, I have played the fool and have committed a serious error."

1Sa 26:22 David replied, "Behold the spear of the king! Now let one of the young men come over and take it."

1Sa 26:23 "The LORD will repay each man *for* his righteousness and his faithfulness; for the LORD delivered you into *my* hand today, but I refused to stretch out my hand against the LORD'S anointed."

1Sa 26:24 "Now behold, as your life was highly valued in my sight this day, so may my life be highly valued in the sight of the LORD, and may He deliver me from all distress."

1Sa 26:25 Then Saul said to David, "Blessed are you, my son David; you will both accomplish much and surely prevail." So David went on his way, and Saul returned to his place.

David had a sense of morality that Abishai evidently didn't share.

Exo 20:13 Thou shalt not kill. (KJV, ASV)

Exo 20:13 You shall not murder. (all modern versions)

Assassination is not the same as self-defense!

Heb 5:12 For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you have need again for someone to teach you the elementary principles of the oracles of God, and you have come to need milk and not solid food.

Heb 5:13 For everyone who partakes *only* of milk is not accustomed to the word of righteousness, for he is an infant.

Heb 5:14 But solid food is for the mature, who because of practice have their senses trained to discern good and evil.

David as an adulterer

2Sa 12:1 Then the LORD sent Nathan to David. And he came to him and said, "There were two men in one city, the one rich and the other poor.

2Sa 12:2 "The rich man had a great many flocks and herds.

2Sa 12:3 "But the poor man had nothing except one little ewe lamb Which he bought and nourished; And it grew up together with him and his children. It would eat of his bread and drink of his cup and lie in his bosom, And was like a daughter to him.

2Sa 12:4 "Now a traveler came to the rich man, And he was unwilling to take from his

own flock or his own herd, To prepare for the wayfarer who had come to him; Rather he took the poor man's ewe lamb and prepared it for the man who had come to him."

2Sa 12:5 Then David's anger burned greatly against the man, and he said to Nathan, "As the LORD lives, surely the man who has done this deserves to die.

2Sa 12:6 "He must make restitution for the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing and had no compassion."

2Sa 12:7 Nathan then said to David, "You are the man! Thus says the LORD God of

Israel, 'It is I who anointed you king over Israel and it is I who delivered you from the hand of Saul.

2Sa 12:8 'I also gave you your master's house and your master's wives into your care, and I gave you the house of Israel and Judah; and if *that had been* too little, I would have added to you many more things like these!

2Sa 12:9 'Why have you despised the word of the LORD by doing evil in His sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword, have taken his wife to be your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the

sons of Ammon.

2Sa 12:10 'Now therefore, the sword shall never depart from your house, because you have despised Me and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife.'

2Sa 12:11 "Thus says the LORD, 'Behold, I will raise up evil against you from your own household; I will even take your wives before your eyes and give *them* to your companion, and he will lie with your wives in broad daylight.

2Sa 12:12 'Indeed you did it secretly, but I will do this thing before all Israel, and under the sun.'"

2Sa 12:13 Then David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the LORD." And Nathan said to David, "The LORD also has taken away your sin; you shall not die.

2Sa 12:14 "However, because by this deed you have given occasion to the enemies of the LORD to blaspheme, the child also that is born to you shall surely die."

2Sa 12:15 So Nathan went to his house. Then the LORD struck the child that Uriah's widow bore to David, so that he was *very* sick.

2Sa 12:16 David therefore inquired of God for the child; and David fasted and went and lay all night on the ground.

2Sa 12:17 The elders of his household stood beside him in order to raise him up from the ground, but he was unwilling and would not eat food with them.

2Sa 12:18 Then it happened on the seventh day that the child died. And the servants of David were afraid to tell him that the child was dead, for they said, "Behold, while the child was *still* alive, we spoke to him and he did not listen to our voice. How then can we tell him that the child is dead, since he

might do *himself* harm!"

2Sa 12:19 But when David saw that his servants were whispering together, David perceived that the child was dead; so David said to his servants, "Is the child dead?" And they said, "He is dead."

2Sa 12:20 So David arose from the ground, washed, anointed *himself*, and changed his clothes; and he came into the house of the LORD and worshiped. Then he came to his own house, and when he requested, they set food before him and he ate.

2Sa 12:21 Then his servants said to him, "What is this thing that you have done?"

While the child was alive, you fasted and wept; but when the child died, you arose and ate food."

2Sa 12:22 He said, "While the child was *still* alive, I fasted and wept; for I said, 'Who knows, the LORD may be gracious to me, that the child may live.'

2Sa 12:23 "But now he has died; why should I fast? Can I bring him back again? I will go to him, but he will not return to me."

David acknowledged his sin.

He repented.

1Jn 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

David acknowledged his sin.

He repented.

He did not abandon his faith!

Mar 4:16 "In a similar way these are the ones on whom seed was sown on the rocky *places*, who, when they hear the word, immediately receive it with joy;
Mar 4:17 and they have no *firm* root in themselves, but are *only* temporary; then, when affliction or persecution arises because of the word, immediately they fall away.

David acknowledged his sin.

He repented.

He did not abandon his faith!

He knew that God might change
His mind.

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Jas 5:16 Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.

David as a ruler

2Sa 24:1 Now again the anger of the LORD burned against Israel, and it incited David against them to say, "Go, number Israel and Judah."

2Sa 24:2 The king said to Joab the commander of the army who was with him, "Go about now through all the tribes of Israel, from Dan to Beersheba, and register the people, that I may know the number of the people."

2Sa 24:3 But Joab said to the king, "Now may the LORD your God add to the people a hundred times as many as they are, while the eyes of my lord the king *still* see; but why does my lord the king delight in this thing?"

2Sa 24:4 Nevertheless, the king's word prevailed against Joab and against the commanders of the army. So Joab and the commanders of the army went out from the presence of the king to register the people of Israel.

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2Sa 24:8 So when they had gone about through the whole land, they came to Jerusalem at the end of nine months and twenty days.

2Sa 24:9 And Joab gave the number of the registration of the people to the king; and there were in Israel eight hundred thousand valiant men who drew the sword, and the men of Judah were five hundred thousand men.

2Sa 24:10 Now David's heart troubled him after he had numbered the people. So David said to the LORD, "I have sinned greatly in what I have done. But now, O LORD, please take away the iniquity of Your servant, for I have acted very foolishly."

2Sa 24:11 When David arose in the morning, the word of the LORD came to the prophet Gad, David's seer, saying,

2Sa 24:12 "Go and speak to David, 'Thus the LORD says, "I am offering you three things; choose for yourself one of them, which I will do to you.'"

2Sa 24:13 So Gad came to David and told him, and said to him, "Shall seven years of famine come to you in your land? Or will you flee three months before your foes while they pursue you? Or shall there be three days' pestilence in your land? Now consider and see what answer I shall return to Him who sent me."

2Sa 24:14 Then David said to Gad, "I am in great distress. Let us now fall into the hand of the LORD for His mercies are great, but do not let me fall into the hand of man."

2Sa 24:15 So the LORD sent a pestilence upon Israel from the morning until the

appointed time, and seventy thousand men of the people from Dan to Beersheba died.

2Sa 24:16 When the angel stretched out his hand toward Jerusalem to destroy it, the LORD relented from the calamity and said to the angel who destroyed the people, "It is enough! Now relax your hand!" And the angel of the LORD was by the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite.

2Sa 24:17 Then David spoke to the LORD when he saw the angel who was striking down the people, and said, "Behold, it is I who have sinned, and it is I who have done wrong; but these sheep, what have they

done? Please let Your hand be against me and against my father's house."

2Sa 24:18 So Gad came to David that day and said to him, "Go up, erect an altar to the LORD on the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite."

2Sa 24:19 David went up according to the word of Gad, just as the LORD had commanded.

2Sa 24:20 Araunah looked down and saw the king and his servants crossing over toward him; and Araunah went out and bowed his face to the ground before the king.

2Sa 24:21 Then Araunah said, "Why has my lord the king come to his servant?" And David said, "To buy the threshing floor from you, in order to build an altar to the LORD, that the plague may be held back from the people."

2Sa 24:22 Araunah said to David, "Let my lord the king take and offer up what is good in his sight. Look, the oxen for the burnt offering, the threshing sledges and the yokes of the oxen for the wood.

2Sa 24:23 "Everything, O king, Araunah gives to the king." And Araunah said to the king, "May the LORD your God accept you."

2Sa 24:24 However, the king said to Araunah, "No, but I will surely buy *it* from you for a price, for I will not offer burnt offerings to the LORD my God which cost me nothing." So David bought the threshing floor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver.

2Sa 24:25 David built there an altar to the LORD and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings. Thus the LORD was moved by prayer for the land, and the plague was held back from Israel.

David acknowledged his sin.

He repented.

He did not abandon his faith!

1Jn 1:7 but if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

David stepped out of the light and stumbled, but he always came back to the light.

David as an old man

1Ki 2:1 As David's time to die drew near, he charged Solomon his son, saying,

1Ki 2:2 "I am going the way of all the earth. Be strong, therefore, and show yourself a man.

1Ki 2:3 "Keep the charge of the LORD your God, to walk in His ways, to keep His statutes, His commandments, His ordinances, and His testimonies, according to what is written in the Law of Moses, that you may succeed in all that you do and wherever you turn,

1Ki 2:4 so that the LORD may carry out His promise which He spoke concerning me, saying, 'If your sons are careful of their way, to walk before Me in truth with all their heart and with all their soul, you shall not lack a man on the throne of Israel.'

1Ki 2:10 Then David slept with his fathers and was buried in the city of David.

David was diligent in his lifetime to seek God's favor.

He made mistakes along the way, but he always came back to God.

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1Ti 2:3 This is good and acceptable in
the sight of God our Savior,
1Ti 2:4 who desires all men to be saved
and to come to the knowledge of the
truth.

God wants you to be saved.

Will you seek Him?