



David

Hebrews 11:32 "And what more shall I say? For time will fail me if I tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets"

There are some interesting things to notice in our theme verse:

1. Of the six specific names, four are judges (most of the names in Hebrews 11 come from early period)
2. The names are not in order
3. The "time will fail me," implies that Hebrews was to be read in one setting and the writer recognized this
4. Two of the names, Samson and Jephthah, are surrounded with some difficult understanding

A. By Faith David...

The giant killer, the sweet singer of Israel, the writer of Psalms, the King of the nation

1. There are more chapters devoted to David's story (66) than Abraham (14), Joseph (14) or Elijah (10) combined
2. David is in the lineage of Jesus. His name is found on the last page of the Bible (Rev 22:16). Peter quotes him in the famous Acts 2 sermon. Paul refers to him in Acts 13. Every good king in Judah is called the 'son of David.' His name appears 1,000x in the Bible. Jesus is called the 'Son of David' (Mt 9:27; 15:22)

3. The accomplishments of David are amazing:

- Mustering the courage and faith to kill a giant warrior. David becomes a national hero. Songs are sung about him
- He was appointed king by God and reigned 40 years
- He moved the capital to Jerusalem and brought the ark of the covenant there
- Bethlehem was called 'the city of David' (Lk 2:11)
- The nation grew from about 6,000 square miles to more than 60,000 square miles
- David divided the priests into 24 courses
- Defeated the Philistines and became the most powerful nation
- Wrote 73 of the 150 Psalms
- Unable to build the temple, he gathered the supplies so Solomon could

Acs 13:22 "...He raised up David to be their king, concerning whom He also testified and said, 'I have found David, the son of Jesse, a man after My heart, who will do all My will.'"

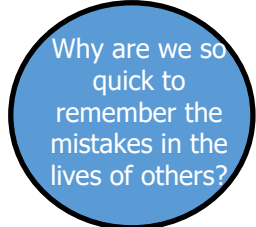
B. The Life of David was not easy

1. He was considered the runt of an obscure common family
2. He faced life and death situations many times:

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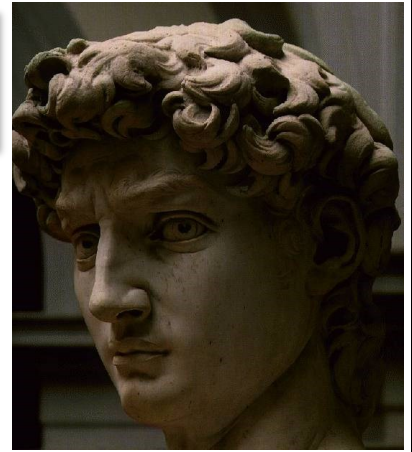
3. There were major failures in his life

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What we find in David is a heart that is honest and trusts in the Lord

Acts 13:36 “For David, after he had served the purpose of God in his own generation, fell asleep, and was laid among his fathers and underwent decay;”



There are Three Remarkable Lessons About David:

1. As a _____ person, he caught the _____ of God

- God did not randomly pick David (1 Sam 16:1, 3, 7, 12)
Taking care of sheep prepared him to take care of a nation
(Ps 78:71-72)

What David did during the shepherd years prepared him for the next steps in his life

- fighting beasts gave him the _____ to face a giant
- playing the harp put him in the _____ with the king
- 1 Tim 4:12

2. As a leader, he led by conviction not _____

- 1 Sam 24:1-7 respected the _____
- 1 Sam 25:32-33 He could be _____ and _____ with
- 1 Chron 22:2-5 He made it easy for those who _____

3. As one given mercy, he extended _____ (Titus 2:11-12)

- 2 Sam 9:7 He didn't forget _____
- 1 Sam 30:6 when discouraged, David _____ himself
- Ps 51:10 He was _____ in his confession

Thoughts & Questions:

1. How can the “shepherd years” of our lives make a difference later in life?
2. One of David’s greatest defeats was his family. He could conquer the world but not his family. What lessons do we learn from this?
3. What can we learn about “strengthening ourselves”?
4. What does it mean to be “after the heart of God?”
5. How does a leader “persuade” others?
6. There are times when it “by faith” doesn’t seem to describe David (i.e. Ps 13:1; 39:12). How do we fit these thoughts in with one after the heart of God?