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# What is Faith?

Faith helps us "see" spiritual reality Covenant is sacred, inviolate promises Faith calls on specific promises in the covenant Faith believes in the heart & the mouth speaks Faith starts small and then grows to be large

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Promises enable us to live a supernatural life Faith is the only way to please God Faith feeds on the Word Faith speaks the Word

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# 1 Samuel 17

48 When the Philistine arose and came and drew near to meet David, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet the Philistine. 49 And David put his hand in his bag and took out a stone and slung it and struck the Philistine on his forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, and he fell on his face to the ground.

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### 1 Samuel 17

50 So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and with a stone, and struck the Philistine and killed him. There was no sword in the hand of David. 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.

# 1 Samuel 17

52 And the men of Israel and Judah rose with a shout and pursued the Philistines as far as Gath and the gates of Ekron, so that the wounded Philistines fell on the way from Shaaraim as far as Gath and Ekron.

# 1 Samuel 17

53 And the people of Israel came back from chasing the Philistines, and they plundered their camp. 54 And David took the head of the Philistine and brought it to Jerusalem, but he put his armor in his tent. 55 As soon as Saul saw David go out against the Philistine, he said to Abner, the commander of the army, "Abner, whose son is this youth?"...

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### 1 Samuel 17

55...And Abner said, "As your soul lives, O king, I do not know." 56 And the king said, "Inquire whose son the boy is." 57 And as soon as David returned from the striking down of the Philistine, Abner took him, and brought him before Saul with the head of the Philistine in his hand.

# 1 Samuel 17

58 And Saul said to him, "Whose son are you, young man?" And David answered, "I am the son of your servant Jesse the Bethlehemite."

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#### 1 Samuel 18

1 As soon as he had finished speaking to Saul, the soul of Jonathan was knit to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul. 2 And Saul took him that day and would not let him return to his father's house. 3 Then Jonathan made a covenant with David, because he loved him as his own soul.

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### 1 Samuel 18

4 And Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that was on him and gave it to David, and his armor, and even his sword and his bow and his belt. 5 And David went out and was successful wherever Saul sent him, so that Saul set him over the men of war. And this was good in the sight of all the people and also in the sight of Saul's servants.

### Covenant is a Solemn Commitment

Covenant is a solemn commitment between two parties to give the very best of their title, talent and treasure.

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### **Cutting the Covenant**

Cutting the covenant is the ceremony where the covenant commitments are given and a covenant exchange is memorialized.

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#### **Steps of Cutting the Covenant**

- 1. Exchange Robe 2. Exchange Belt
- 3. Cut
- 4. Raise right arm mix blood
- 5. Exchange Names
- 6. Scar 7. Give covenant terms
- 8. Meal
- 9. Memorial

ltem	Meaning
Robe	Authority: heir to the throne
Tunic	Identity: Armor, Rank, Medals
Belt	Wisdom: experience leads to success
Sword/ Bow	Weapons: tools of the trade

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# 1 Samuel 23:16-18

16 And Jonathan, Saul's son, rose and went to David at Horesh, and strengthened his hand in God. 17 And he said to him, "Do not fear, for the hand of Saul my father shall not find you. You shall be king over Israel, and I shall be next to you. Saul my father also knows this."

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### 1 Samuel 23:16-18

18 And the two of them made a covenant before the Lord. David remained at Horesh, and Jonathan went home.

# Type of Surrender to Christ

Jonathan is a picture of a NT believer who willingly enters a covenant to give up their throne for the true King Jesus, son of David.

King Saul is a picture of flesh that wants to hold onto the kingdom at any cost

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# Old Testament Types

The Old Testament is the New Testament concealed and the New Testament is the Old Testament revealed

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### Ephesians 6

10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. 11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.

# Ephesians 6

12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.

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### **Ephesians 6**

14 Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, 15 and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace.

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### Ephesians 6

16 In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; 17 and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, 18 praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication

ltem	Armor of God
Tunic	Breastplate of righteousness
Sword	Sword of the Spirit
Belt	Belt of Truth
Shield	Shield of Faith
Helmet	Helmet of salvation, Mind
Shoes	Feet fitted readiness of gospel

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# Faith in the Covenant

Faith cuts covenant and then faithfully lives by that covenant no matter what happens. Covenant is the ground on which we walk by faith and not by sight.

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