

Hebrews 11:1 NKJV

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

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EXPLOITS OF FAITH

Conquered Kingdoms Administered Justice Gained what was promised Shut the mouth of lions Quenched the fury of the flames Escaped the edge of the sword Weakness turned to strength Powerful in battle - routed foreign armies

JUDGES 5:2

"When the princes in Israel take the lead, when the people willingly offer themselves-- praise the LORD!









1 SAMUEL 22:1-4

1 David left Gath and escaped to the cave of Adullam. When his brothers and his father's household heard about it, they went down to him there.

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DAVID'S EXPLOITS OF FAITH

David's faith grew through a lifetime focused on God's:

1.Promise

2.People

3.Place

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1 CHRONICLES 12:17-18

17 David went out to meet them and said to them, "If you have come to me in peace, to help me, I am ready to have you unite with me. But if you have come to betray me to my enemies when my hands are free from violence, may the God of our fathers see it and judge you."

JNITE

Yachad: unitedness:-alike(1), all(4), altogether(2), completely(2), one accord(1), safely(1), together(26), together in unity(1), united(1).

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PSALMS 133:1-3 ESV

1 Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity! 2 It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down on the collar of his robes!

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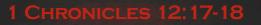
PSALMS 133:1-3 ESV

3 It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion! For there the LORD has commanded the blessing, life forevermore.

1 CHRONICLES 12:17-18

18 Then the Spirit came upon Amasai, chief of the Thirty, and he said: "We are yours, O David! We are with you, O son of Jesse! Success, success to you, and success to those who help you, for your God will help you."

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So David received them and made them leaders of his raiding bands.

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1 CHRONICLES 12:38

38 All these were fighting men who volunteered to serve in the ranks. They came to Hebron fully determined to make David king over all Israel. All the rest of the Israelites were also of one mind to make David king.



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FAITH UNITES

- 1.Faith grows when united with a promise
- 2.Faith grows when united with a people

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TYPE OF PEOPLE HASGOD'S CHOSEN?DistressedPressure from Current
CircumstancesDebtPressure from Bill
CollectorsDiscontentedPressure from Past
Injustices And Failures

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MISFITS GET A

2 All those who were in distress or in debt or discontented gathered around him, and he became their leader. People without promise join someone with a promise. People without faith joined someone with faith and received their share of the blogging.

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FRAYED FAITH

Frayed faith is when your heart is sick and has not been restored properly.

Frayed faith is reluctant to fasten on God's promises but rather will fasten on comfort and rest. Frayed faith will avoid the risk of "getting hurt again"



Hang around faith and it grows on you

Faith rubs off Anointing rubs off

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FAITH UNITES

Faith grows when united to a promise
Faith grows when fastened to a people
Faith grows when united to a place

CAVE OF ADULLAM

Adullam means "sealed-off place"

It was a fortified cave where David and other fugitives would seek refuge from Saul.

Adullam represents a safe place to heal and grow in faith.

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