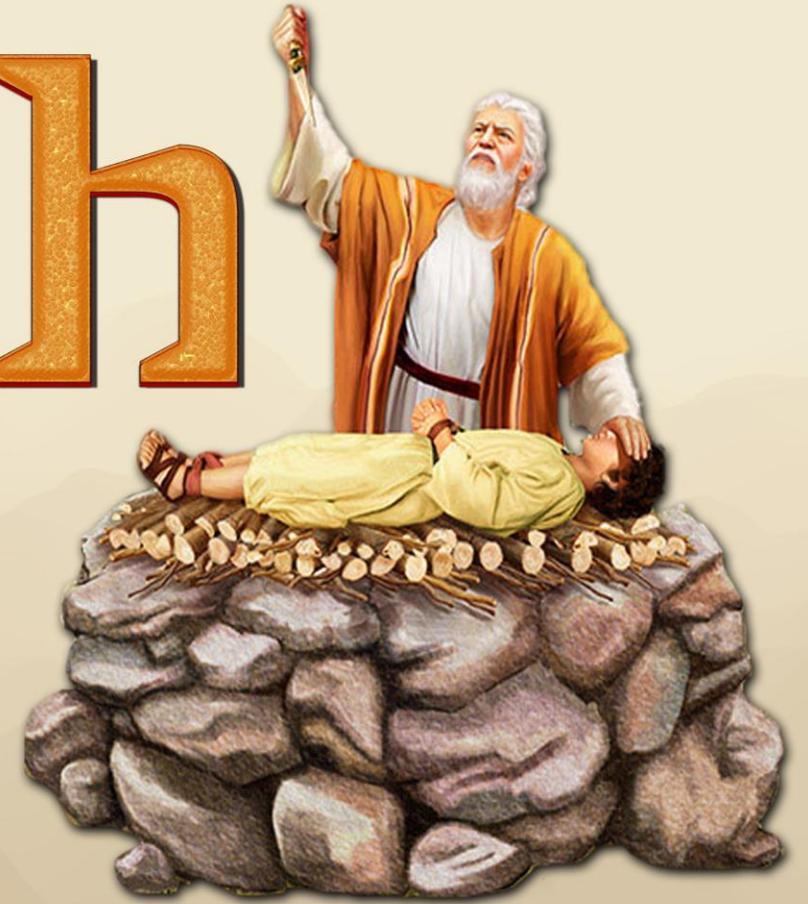




Faith

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Faithfulness



Hebrews 11 is called the "chapter of faith," or "gallery of faith." It highlights biblical characters who lived as pilgrims, trusting in eternal and non-earthly promises. It is a call to faithfulness, obedience and perseverance in the midst of difficulties.

What is faith? The apostle Paul answers it in verse 1: "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen."

He goes on to tell us in verse 6, "But without faith it is impossible to please God; for he who comes to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of those who diligently seek him."

In this presentation we are going to remember people who manifested their faith, what actions led them to realize that faith and a personal application.

"Faith is trusting in God,—believing that He loves us, and knows what is for our best good. Thus, instead of our own way, it leads us to choose His way. In place of our ignorance, it accepts His wisdom; in place of our weakness, His strength; in place of our sinfulness, His righteousness. Our lives, ourselves, are already His; faith acknowledges His ownership, and accepts its blessings. Truth, uprightness, purity, are pointed out as secrets of life's success. It is faith that puts us in possession of these. Every good impulse or aspiration is the gift of God; faith receives from God the life that alone can produce true growth and efficiency."— Gospel Workers 259



By faith we mean that the universe was constituted by the word of God, so that what is seen was made of what was not seen. (v. 3) [Genesis 1]

I believe that God made the universe and sustains it.

By faith, I follow God's instructions

By faith Abel offered to God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh. (v. 4)

[Genesis 4:2-8]





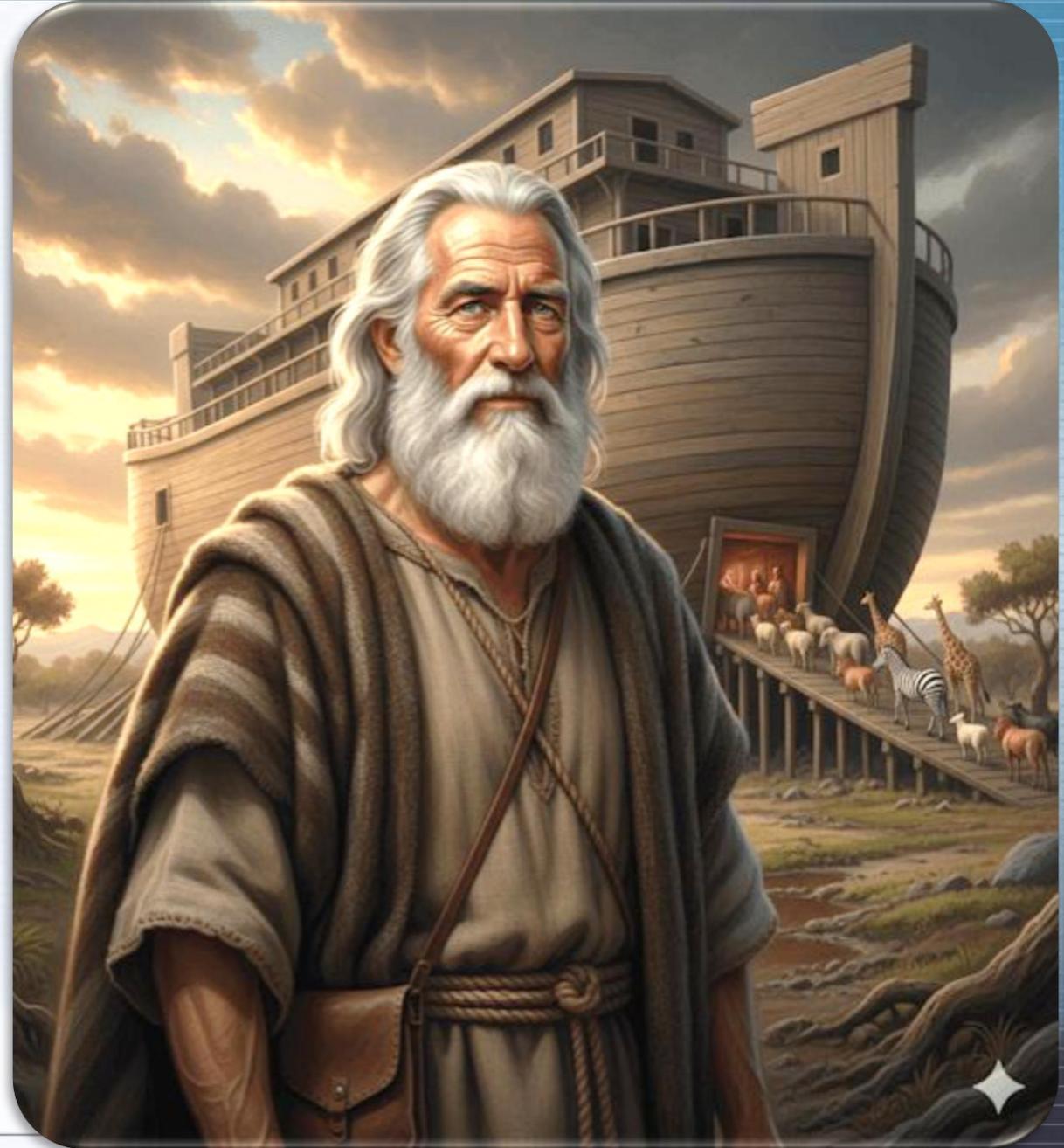
My goal in this life is to please
God and walk with Him

By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.

(v. 5) [Genesis 5:24]

Even if something is impossible, if God has said it will happen, I believe it and act accordingly.

By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith. (v. 7) [Genesis 6]



I do not look at the present, but at the glorious future that God is preparing for me



By faith **Abraham** sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country... For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God. (v. 8-10) [Genesis 12:1-4]

I believe in their promises, even if they take a long time to be fulfilled.



Through faith also **Sarah** herself received strength to conceive seed, and was delivered of a child when she was past age, because she judged him faithful who had promised. (v. 11) [Genesis 21:1-7]

I worship God and bless, even when I
am about to die.

By faith **Jacob**,
when he was a
dying, blessed
both the sons of
Joseph; and
worshipped,
leaning upon the
top of his staff. (v. 21)

[Genesis 48:8-20]



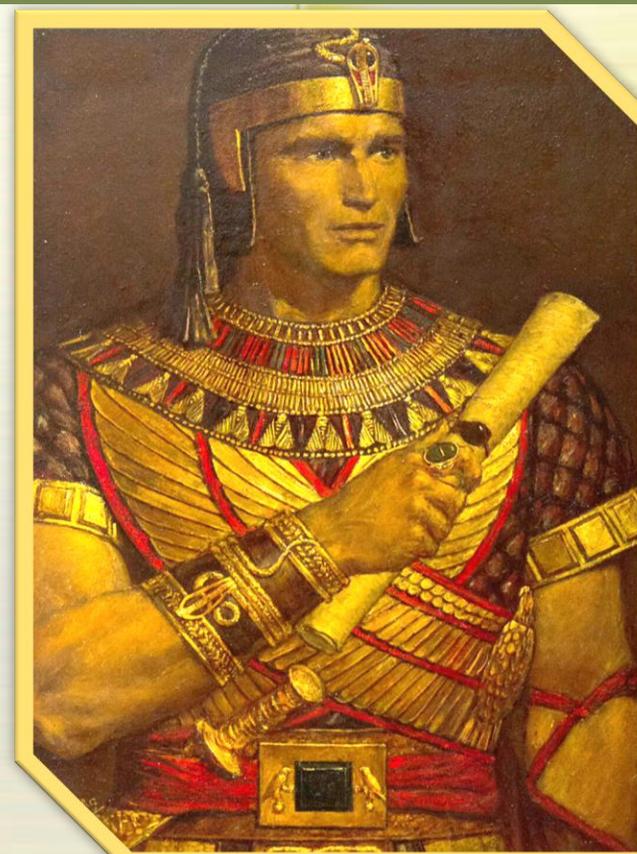


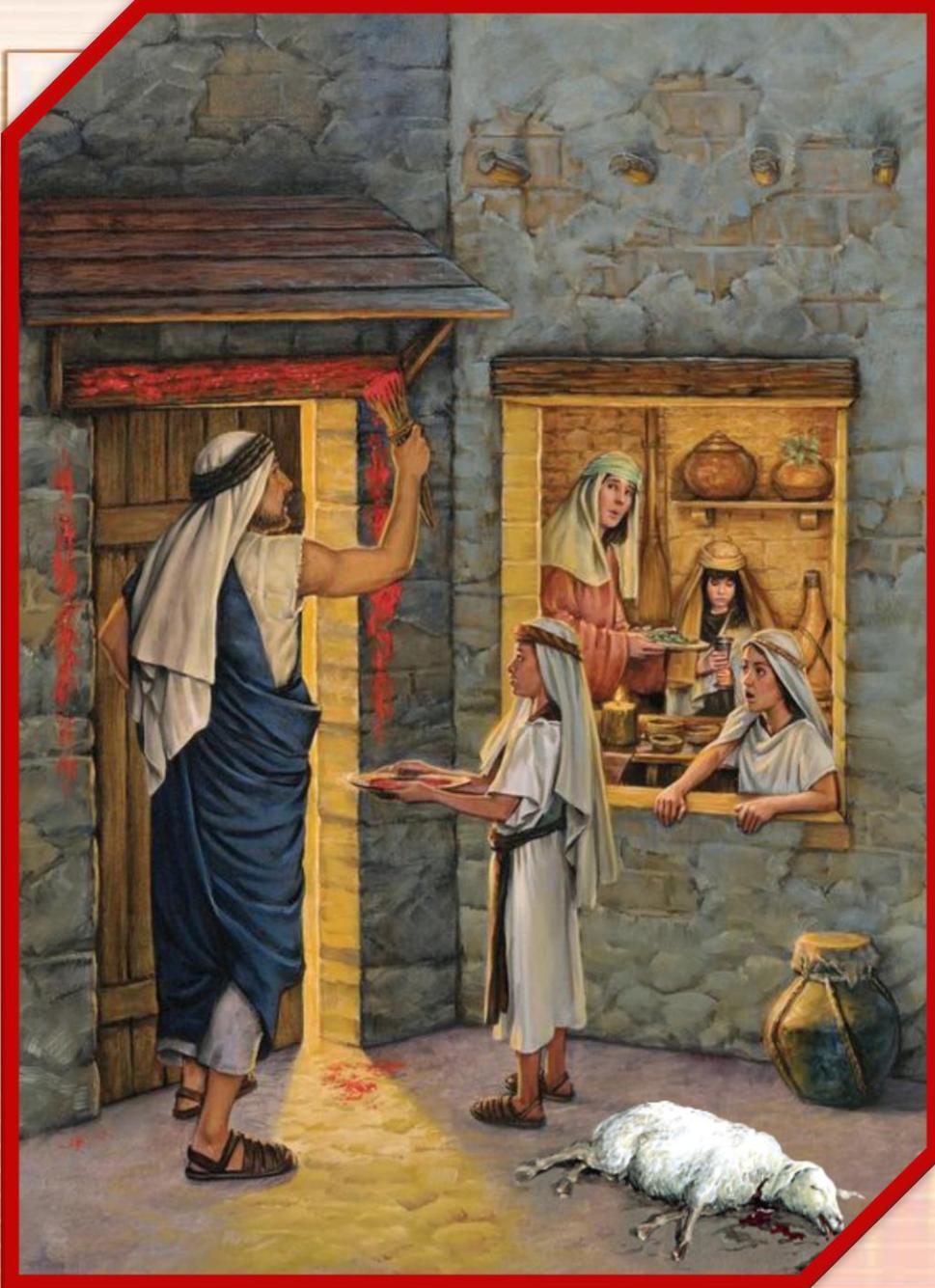
**By faith Joseph,
when he died,
made mention of
the departing of
the children of
Israel; and gave
commandment
concerning his
bones. (v. 22) [Genesis
50:25-26]**

I leave testimony to the following generations of the assurance that God will come to set us free.

I reject worldly honors and glories, and I choose to be part of God's people.

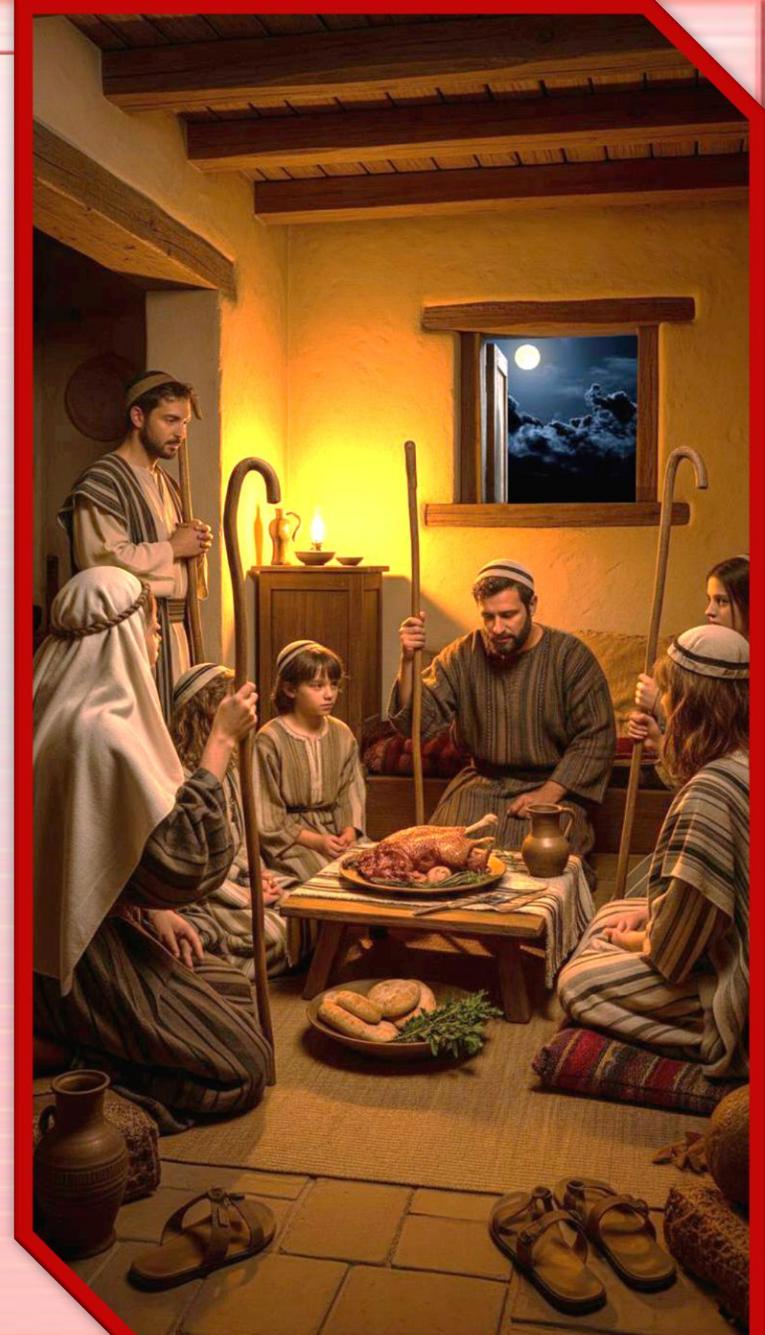
By faith, **Moses** when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: (vv. 24-27) [Exodus 5:1]





Through
faith Moses
kept the
passover, and the
sprinkling of
blood, lest he
that destroyed
the firstborn
should touch
them.

(v. 28) [Exodus 12]



I accept the substitute God prepared



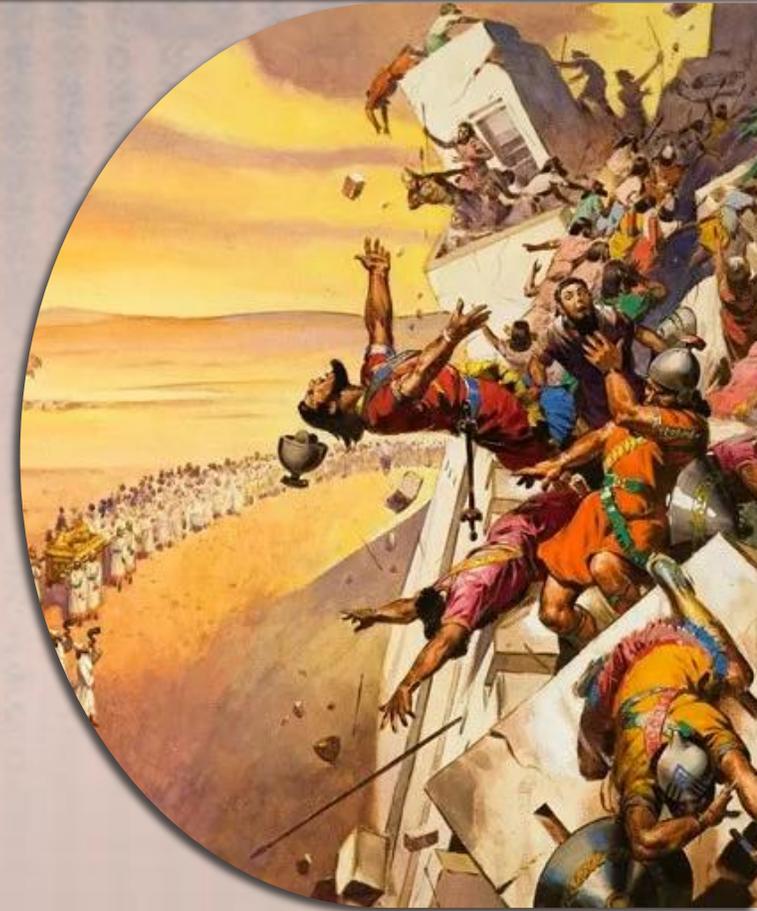
By faith, the Israelites passed through the Red sea as by dry land: which the Egyptians assaying to do were drowned.

(v. 29) [Exodus 14]



I move forward in the midst of persecutions, knowing that God will ultimately destroy evil.

I do what God commands me, knowing that God will do His part.



By the faith of the people of Israel the walls of Jericho fell after they were compassed about seven days. (v. 30) [Joshua 6]

By faith Rahab the harlot perished not with them that believed not, when she had received the spies with peace. (v. 31) [Joshua 2]



By faith Gedeon won over an army of Midianites and Amalekites, who were like locusts in multitudes, with only 300 men, all of them with trumpets in their hands, and lamps inside pitchers. (v. 32) [Judges 7]



With God, I face any problem, and I use the wit He gave me.

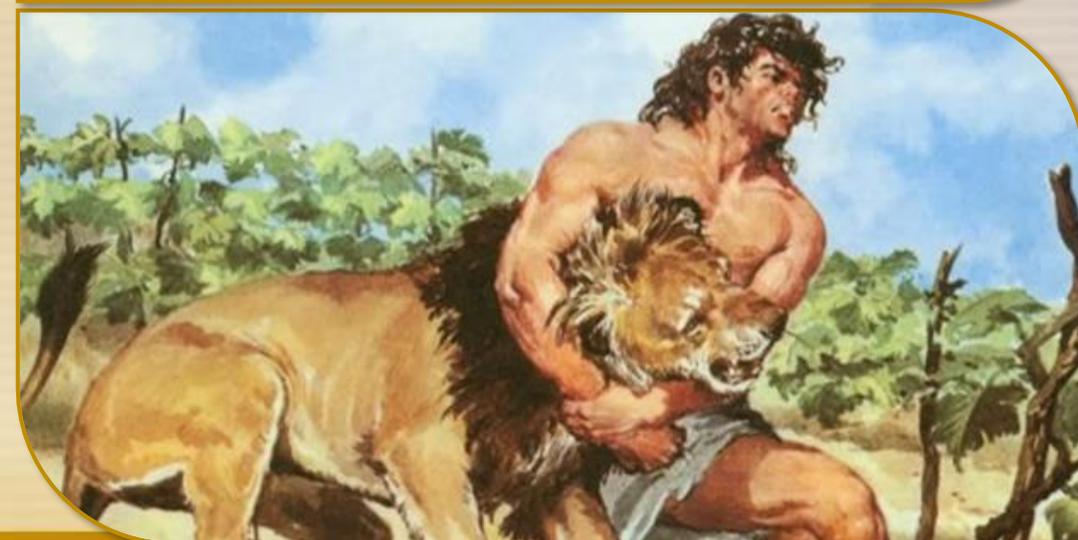
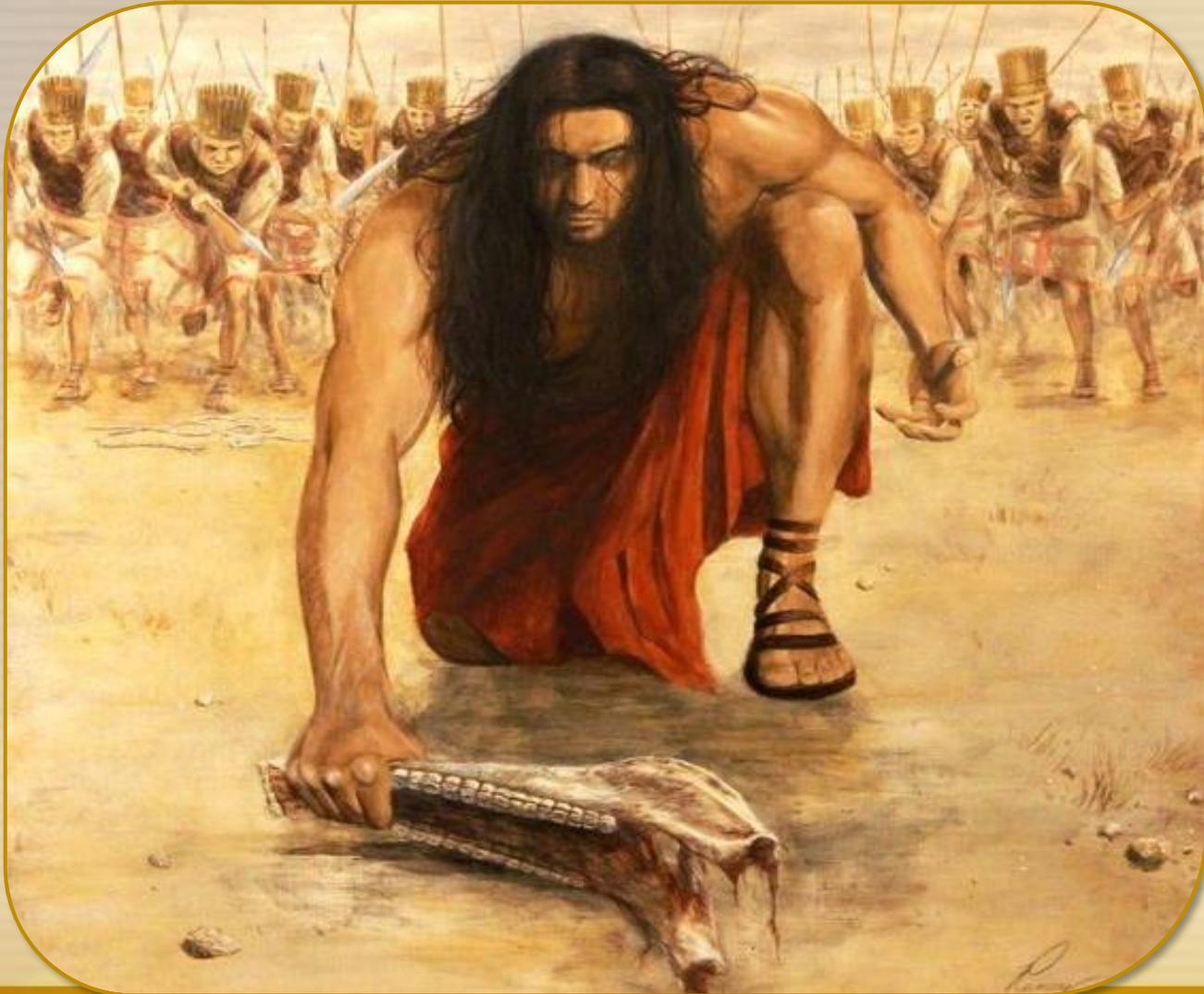
I win battles, it doesn't matter
however great or powerful my enemy may be.



By faith Barak went up to fight with ten thousand men against Sisera who had nine hundred horse-shod chariots and many people. Barak fought until he didn't leave a single one. (v. 32) [Judges 4]

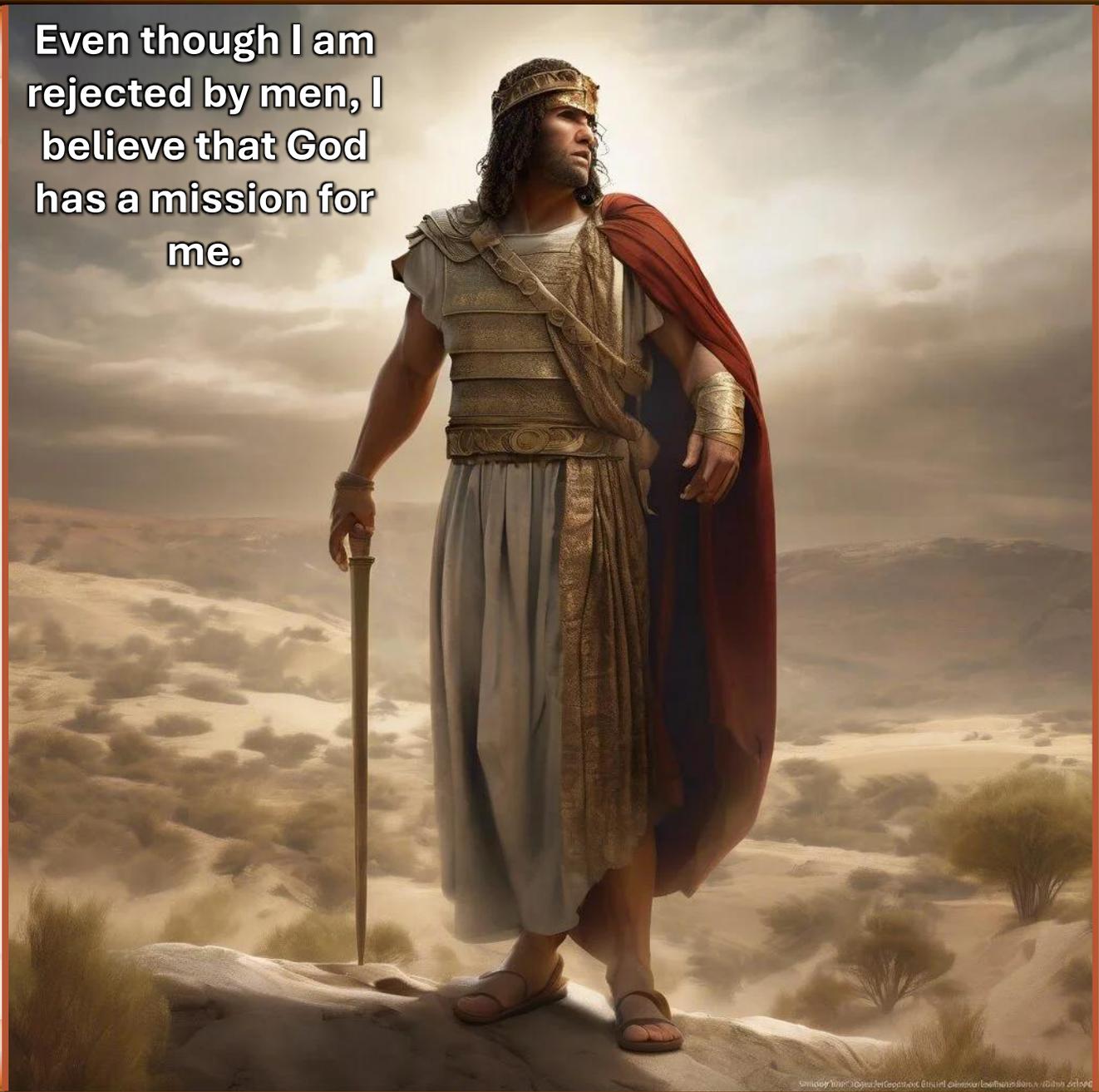
By the power of God I can do things beyond my capacity

By faith Samson killed a thousand men with a jawbone, tore out the gate of a city, and judged Israel for 20 years. (v. 32) [Judges 15:15-20]



By faith, **Jephthah**
the Gileadite judge,
delivered the
Israelites from the
Ammonites,
effectively breaking
their power. (v. 32) [Judges
11:32-33]

Even though I am
rejected by men, I
believe that God
has a mission for
me.





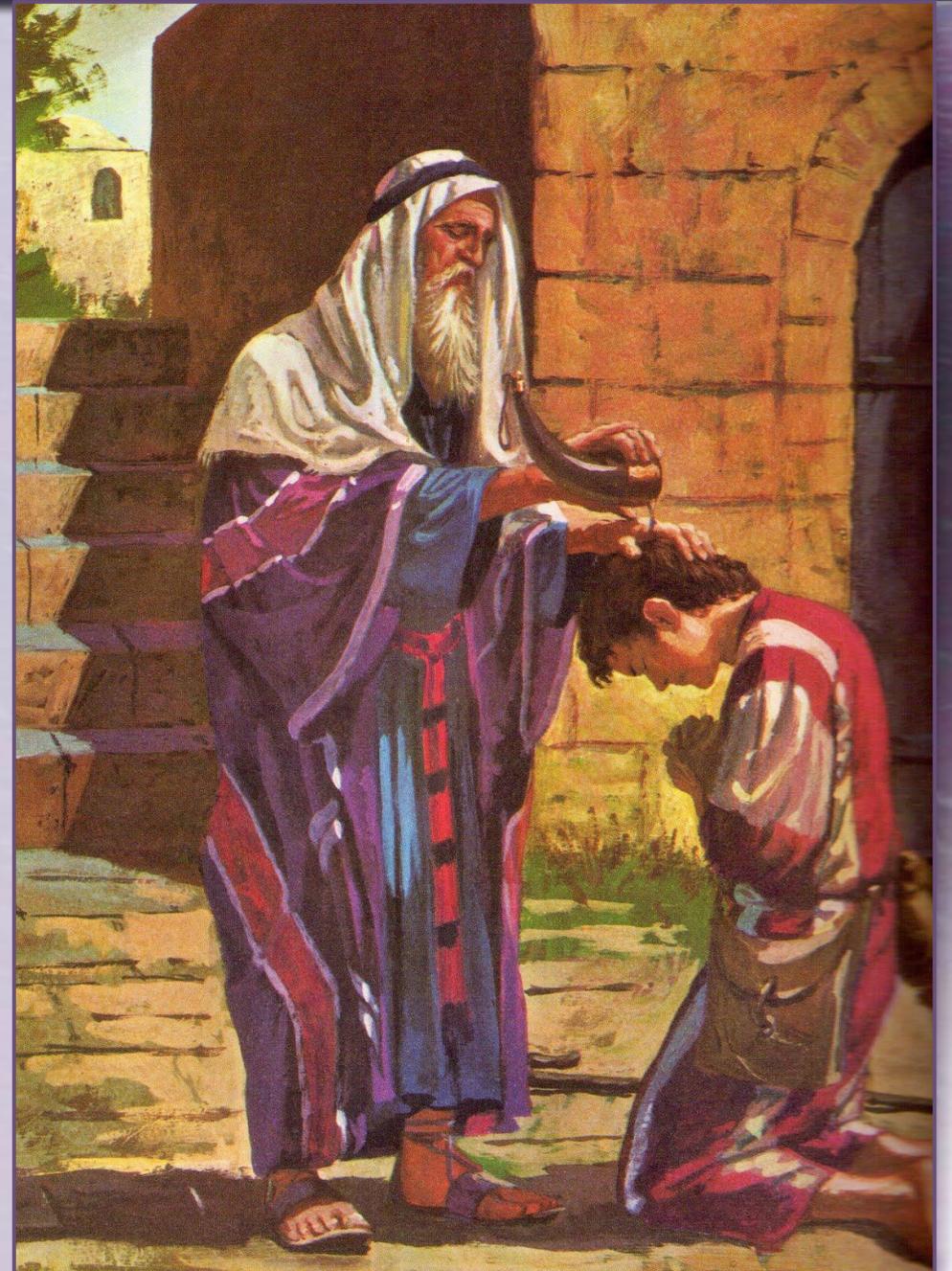
By faith,
David faced
Goliath, a
giant, and
defeated him
with his sling
and a stone.

(v. 32) [1 Samuel 17]

Giants dwarf when I trust God.

I recognize that, up to this point, God's hand has been at work in my life.

By faith, Samuel the last judge of Israel, erected a monument: “Thus far the Lord has helped us” (v. 32) [1 Samuel 7:12-17]





By faith,
the prophets

**went to give God's
message wherever
and whenever
God directed
them.**

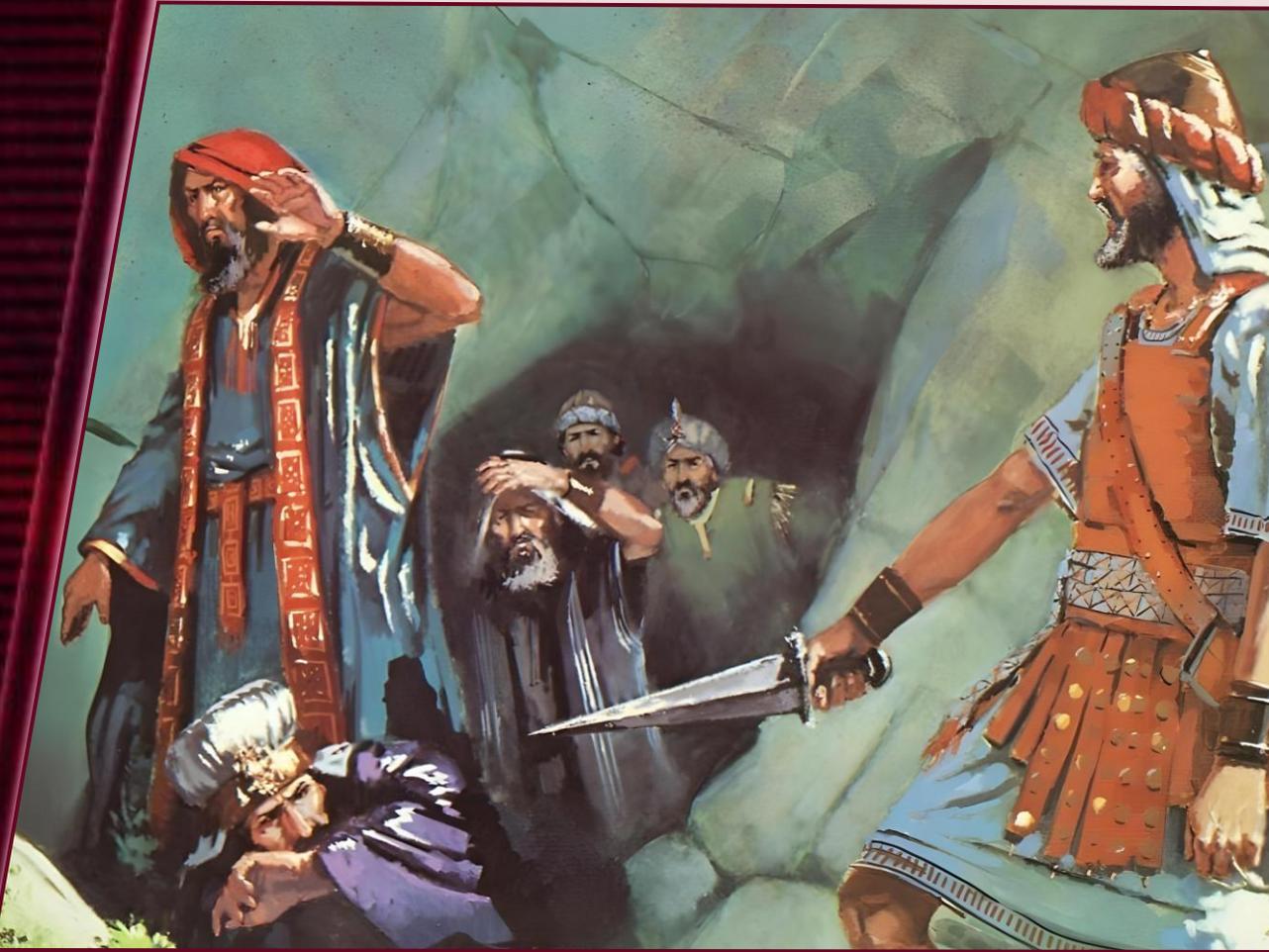
**(v. 32) [1 Kings 19:15; Amos
7:15; Jonah 1:1-2; Haggai 1:1]**

I go anywhere God sends me to take His Word.

The conquests of my life are always for the glory of God.

By faith Joshua and David
conquered kingdoms. (v. 33)

[Numbers 31:8; 2 Samuel 5:6-9]





God gives me the wisdom to do justice.

By faith **Solomon**
did righteousness and
justice with the
wisdom God had
promised him.
Numerous judges and
kings could be
included in this
category. (v. 33) [1 Kings 3:16-28]

By faith Abraham obtained the promise
God had given him. (v. 33) [Genesis 15:4; 21:2-5]



I believe that God's promises are always fulfilled.

I know that God can deliver me even from certain death.

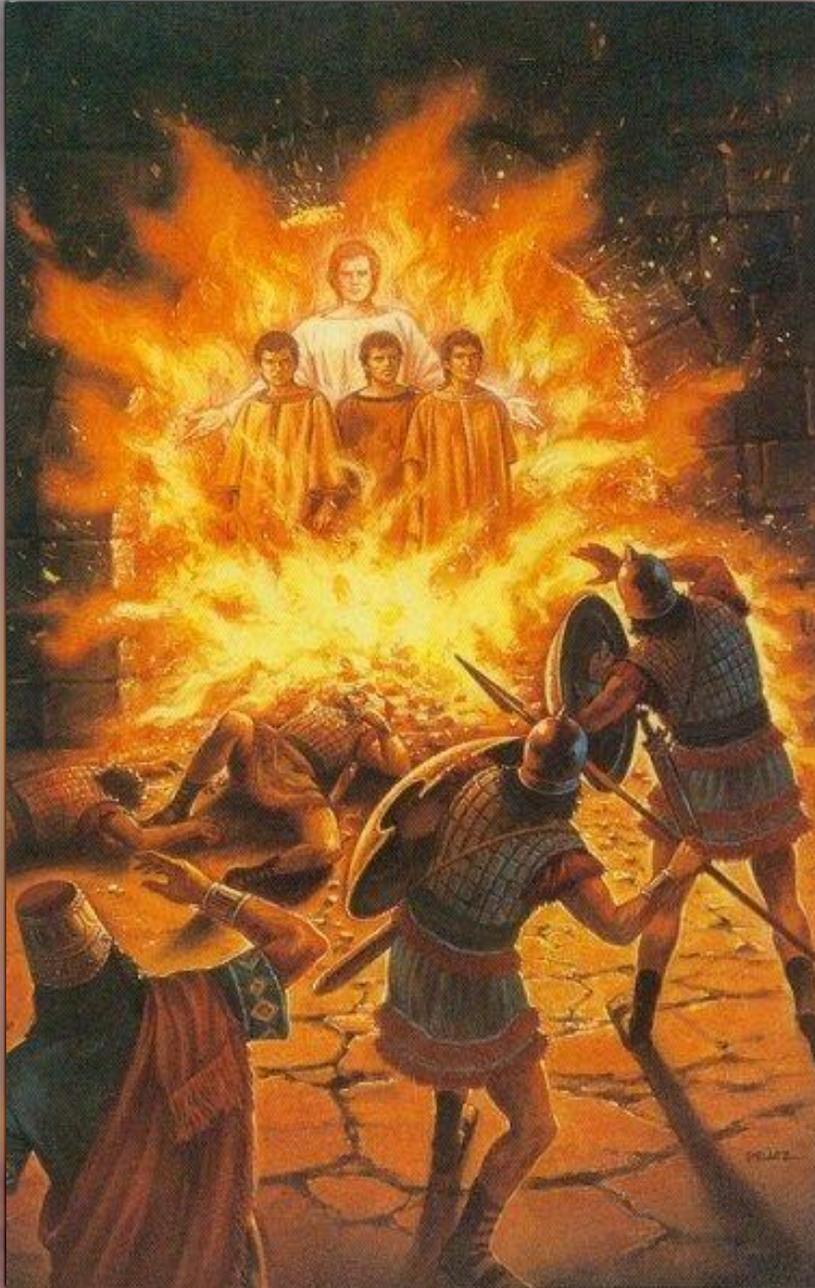
By faith
Daniel

stopped the
mouths of
the lions.

(v. 33) [Daniel 6]



In the most difficult moments, I know that God is with me.



By faith
Shadrach, Meshach,
and Abed-nego

were unharmed
when they were
thrown into an oven
heated seven times
more than normal.

(v. 34) [Daniel 3]

By faith

Jonathan

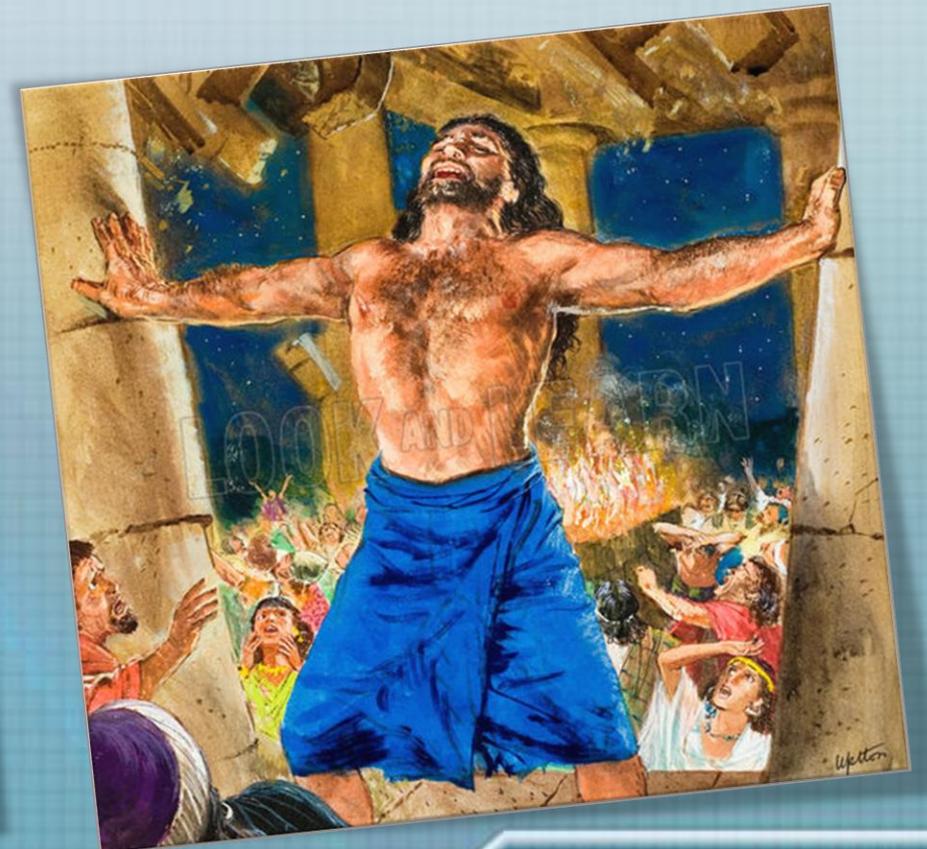
**avoided the edge
of the sword
when he fought
against the
Philistines,
together with his
armor-bearer.(v. 34)**

[1 Samuel 14:1-23]



I know that God gives victory, whether we are few or many.

By faith Elijah and Samson drew strength from weakness. Elijah, after the miracle of Carmel, ran before Ahab who was riding with his chariot. Samson asked God for strength to destroy the Philistines. (v. 34) [1 Kings 18:42-46] [Judges 16:23-30]



In moments of weakness, God gives me the strength I need.



By faith **Joshua** became strong in battle. He fought with the people of Israel against Amalek. Israel won while Moses raised his arms, supported by Aaron and Ur.

(v. 34) [Exodus17:8-13]

God makes me strong and gives me victory when I trust Him.

The enemy flees from me in the name of God.

By faith Joab
foreign armies
put to flight.

(v. 34) [2 Samuel 10: 6-14]



Even death is not a problem for God.

By faith
the Shunammite

and the widow
of Zarephath

received their
dead raised
to life again.

(v. 35) [2 Kings 4:18-37]
[1 Kings 17:17-24]

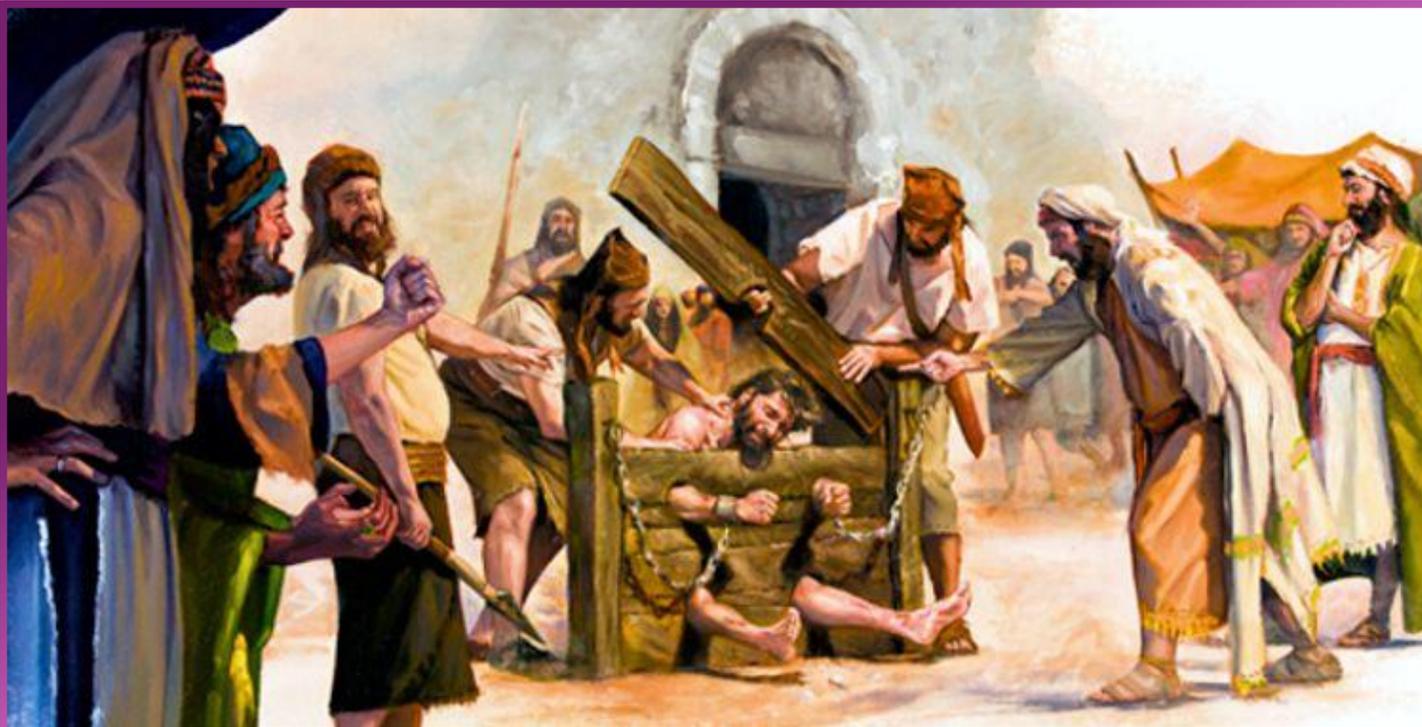




I will stand firm, even at the risk of my life, trusting in the resurrection.

By faith
Jeremiah was
tormented,
deliverance;
that they might
obtain a better
resurrection. (v. 35)

[Jeremías 20:2; 38:6]



In the midst of problems, I sleep peacefully or
sing happily, trusting in God.



For the faith Joseph, Peter,
Paul, etc. suffered
reproaches and scourgings,
prisons and jails. (v. 36) [Genesis 37:13-24;
Acts 12:1-19; Acts 16:19-24]

If I must die to remain faithful, or to bear witness to the truth, I will not doubt.

For the faith Jezreel's Nabot
and Stephen were stoned.

(v. 37) [1 Kings 21:1-16; Acts 7:59]



By faith Isaiah died sawn to death.

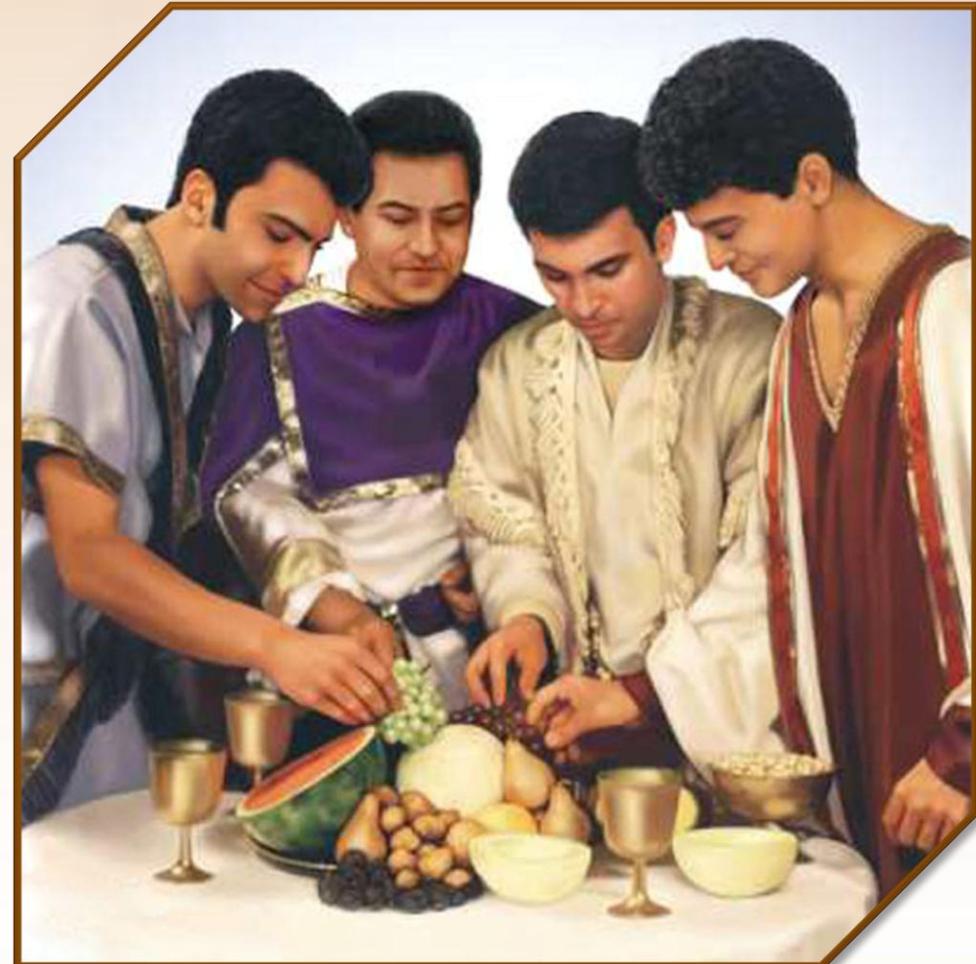
(according to tradition). (v. 37) (ST February 17, 1898)



It doesn't matter what kind of death you have to face. I will be faithful to God.

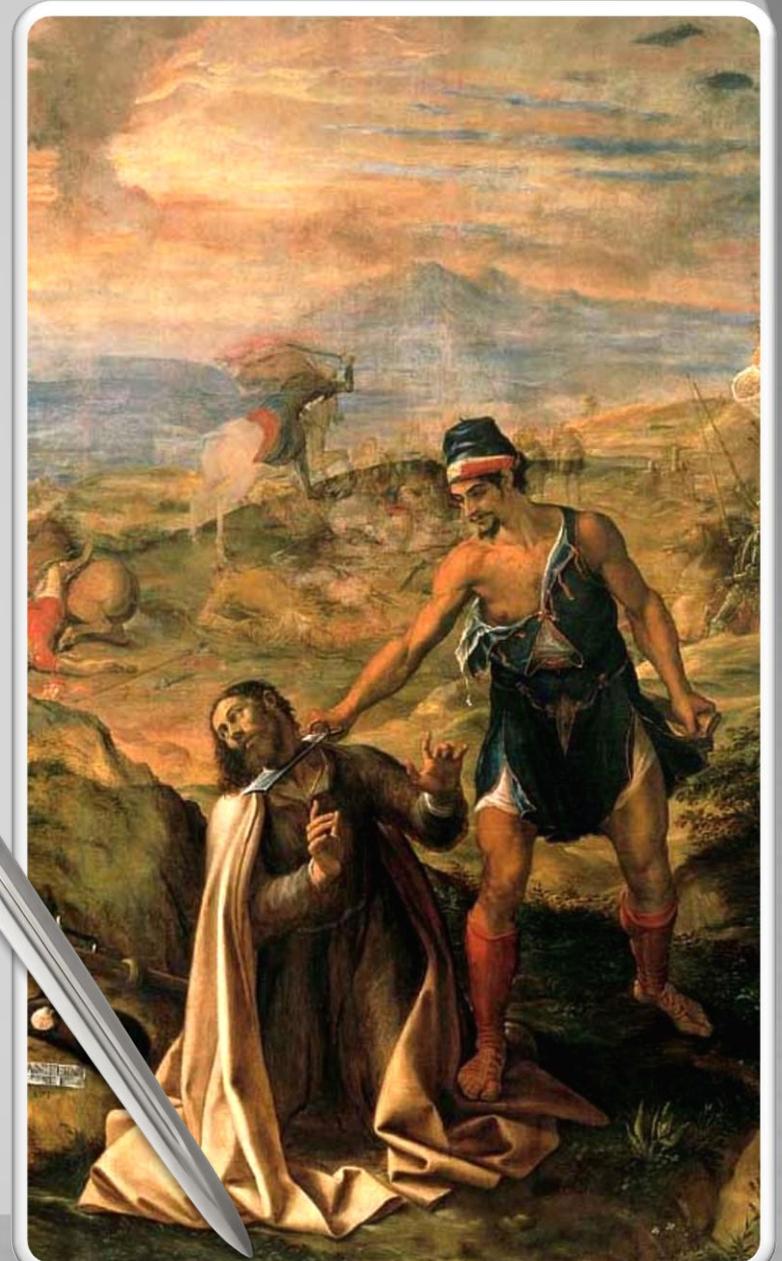
I will stand firm when my beliefs are tested.

By faith Daniel and his friends were tested as to what they would eat. (v. 37) [Daniel 1]



Even if I die unjustly suffering the wrath of others, my reward is assured.

By the faith Gedaliah, the priests of Nob and James, John's brother were put to death by the sword. (v. 37) [1 Samuel 22:6-23; Jeremiah 41:2; Acts 12:1-2]





By faith John the Baptist, among many others, walked to and fro covered with sheep and goat skins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented. (v. 37) [Matthew3:1-6]

I will preach the message I have to give, no matter my personal situation.

Even though I'm having a hard time now, I know that in time, God will fulfill what He promised.

By faith David
wandered in deserts,
and in mountains, and
in dens and caves of the
earth, trusting that,
when he wanted, God
would give him the
kingdom. (v. 38) [1 Samuel 24]





By faith

(Put your name here)

**I hope to be victorious
and to meet Jesus very
soon, on the New
Earth, for all eternity.**



And all these, though they obtained a good report through faith, did not receive what was promised; God providing something better for us, that they should not be perfected apart from us. (Hebrews 11:39-40)

