

2 Samuel 23:8-17

8 These be the names of the mighty men whom David had: The Tachmonite that sat in the seat, chief among the captains; the same was Adino the Eznite: he lift up his spear against eight hundred, whom he slew at one time.

9 And after him was Eleazar the son of Dodo the Ahohite, one of the three mighty men with David, when they defied the Philistines that were there gathered together to battle, and the men of Israel were gone away:

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10 He arose, and smote the Philistines until his hand was weary, and his hand clave unto the sword: and the Lord wrought a great victory that day; and the people returned after him only to spoil.

11 And after him was Shammah the son of Agee the Hararite. And the Philistines were gathered together into a troop, where was a piece of ground full of lentiles: and the people fled from the Philistines.

12 But he stood in the midst of the ground, and defended it, and slew the Philistines: and the Lord wrought a great victory.

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13 And three of the thirty chief went down, and came to David in the harvest time unto the cave of Adullam: and the troop of the Philistines pitched in the valley of Rephaim.

14 And David was then in an hold, and the garrison of the Philistines was then in Bethlehem.

15 And David longed, and said, Oh that one would give me drink of the water of the well of Bethlehem, which is by the gate!

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16 And the three mighty men brake through the host of the Philistines, and drew water out of the well of Bethlehem, that was by the gate, and took it, and brought it to David: nevertheless he would not drink thereof, but poured it out unto the Lord.

17 And he said, Be it far from me, O Lord, that I should do this: is not this the blood of the men that went in jeopardy of their lives? therefore he would not drink it. These things did these three mighty men.

**How To Do The...
Impossible**

Matthew 17:20

And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.

Hebrews 11:6

But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

I. Ponder The Purpose Of Faith

Galatians 3:14

That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

A. Faith is the means by which we receive God

Romans 1:17

For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.

2 Corinthians 5:7

For we walk by faith, not by sight:

I. Ponder The Purpose Of Faith

B. Faith is the foundation for our spiritual life

2 Peter 1:5-8

5 And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge;

6 And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness;

7 And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.

8 For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

II. Prove The Promises Of Faith

Romans 4:20

He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God;

A. Test the promises of faith. They cannot fail because God cannot fail.

Deuteronomy 31:6

Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the Lord thy God, he it is that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.

II. Prove The Promises Of Faith

B. Try the promises of faith by using them in times of trial, adversity, and need

Hebrews 6:1

Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God,

III. Pursue The Possibilities Of Faith

Mark 9:23

Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.

A. The potential of faith is beyond comprehension.

Ephesians 3:20

Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,

God is only limited by our failure to believe

III. Pursue The Possibilities Of Faith

B. Persistence and patience are often required before we see God work.

Romans 5:3-5

3 And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience;

4 And patience, experience; and experience, hope:

5 And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

IV. Pray the Prayer Of Faith

John 14:14

If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.

A. Our prayers need to be consistent with God's Will and Word

James 4:3

Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts.

IV. Pray the Prayer Of Faith

**B. Petitions made to God which are subject to His will
and accompanied by faith brings results**

Matthew 21:22

**And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer,
believing, ye shall receive.**

V. Proclaim the Power Of Faith

Matthew 17:20b

...ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.

A. Man has made progress in mechanical power

B. Man will eternally fail to match the power of God

Romans 1:16

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

Impossible

Possible

Jeremiah 32:27

**Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all
flesh: is there any thing too hard for me?**