

Sunday, 12-10-2023

2023-2024 Winter Quarter
Unit I: Profiles in Faith

Lesson 2: The Faith of David
Bible Background: 1 Samuel 17:1-58
Printed Text: 1 Samuel 17:31-37, 45, 48-50 KJV/NIV
Devotional Reading: Psalm 27

Prayer: *Most wise and everlasting God, we pray for a faith that will not falter when confronted with giants. Help us always to look to You for our courage and strength, for we confess that the battle belongs to You. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen*

Exposition and Application of the Scripture: – The Faith of David – 1 Samuel 17:31-37, 45, 48-50

A. Faith Under Fire (vv. 31-33) – pp. 140-141

- Is my faith in Jesus Christ unwavering as challenges are presented? – **Sat: Israel's Wavering Faith – 1 Samuel 1, 3-4, 8, 20-30 (Bible Background)**
- (v. 32) – Is my heart weakened by fear? – **Mon: Faith Expressed through Courage – Joshua 1:1-9**
- (v. 33) – How experienced am I when facing the enemy?

B. Past Experiences Inform Present-day Conflicts (vv. 34-37) – p. 141

- Do I know God through experiences or intellect? – **Tue: David's Son Came to Serve – Matthew 20:25-34**
- Has my testimonies boosted someone else's confidence in the Lord?
- How do I use past experiences in present-day conflict? – **Wed: Ask in Prayer with Faith – Matthew 21:18-22**

C. The Mighty Works We Can Do in God's Name (v. 45) – pp. 141-142

- Do I fight battles I'm not equipped for?
- Do I use the whole armor of God in battle? – **Ephesians 6:10-18**

D. Is There Anything Too Hard for God? (vv. 48-50) – p. 142

- Do I carefully choose what weapon to use for battle?
- Do I go into battle alone? – **Thu: Prophets Speak Gods Word – Psalm 27 (Devotional Reading)**
- What's my motivation to do right?
- Are my faith and actions exemplifying victories over His enemies?