

## “David’s Strength”

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One of King David’s notable characteristics, is that he kept a strength of character during circumstances in which most people would have lost it.

Looking throughout the Psalms we can see the source of his strength.

**70 GOD the Lord, the strength of my salvation, thou hast covered my head in the day of battle.** Psalm 140:7 (KJV)

**I will love thee, O LORD, my strength. 2The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower. 3I will call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised: so shall I be saved from mine enemies... 6In my distress I called upon the LORD, and cried unto my God: he heard my voice out of his temple, and my cry came before him, even into his ears.** Psalm 18:1-3, 6 (KJV)

Yes, David did some things that were wrong, but before and after these sins David lived a repentant life, and he relied on the Lord.

Reading through 1 Samuel, 2 Samuel, and 1 Chronicles,

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we see that David was a valiant warrior and in general a strong man. But we also see in these books and in the Psalms that David, at times, literally called the Lord his strength. He relied on the Lord for protection (vs. 3), provision, and for wisdom, to name a few.

David understood that God alone put him on the throne of Israel and for his trust/reliance on God, the scriptures describe David as being “after God’s own heart.”

We need to always remember that God is the source of our strength and it is by him alone that we have victory in our lives. Rejoice in this and in the fact that God is our provision of everything, including strength. All we have to do is rely on His strength, and we’ll have all we need.

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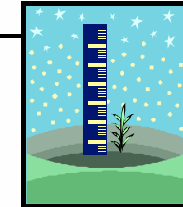
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## “Faith, Resurrected!” (Teaching Sketch)

Hebrews 11:1-10 (AMP)



What is so important for mankind to understand is “FAITH” is paramount in relating to God.

Faith is the most important of things stolen from mankind by Satan.

Many, when they first hear the Gospel Message, are quick to hear and receive it’s truth. Then the soulish reasoning, the reasoning of a person’s mind, begins to come into play. The mind was given the five senses to experience the natural environment and therefore experience just the natural surroundings of the natural body. This experience is a 24/7 experience and thus can become the only input or data, if you will, understood and accepted as “real.”

### Sensory Drift

Sensory drift then takes place. It is vital that a person allow the sensory receptors of the heart to continue to function and be built-up, strengthened, and developed. It is these receptors which permit the understanding of the need for

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**Rev. 2:4 (AMP)**  
But I have this [one charge to make] against you: that you have left (abandoned) the love that you had at first [you have deserted Me, your first love].

Jesus the Christ. The heart/spirit receptors then worked utilizing the mind to be in submission to the true eternal authority and submit to the promptings of the Heavenly Father to receive Christ.

### Spirit Driven

This spirit driven contact with God must also be a 24/7 experience which will prevent the natural temporal mind from dominating an eternal understanding. The doing of such a thing will keep the correct relationship between one’s spirit being in control of one’s mind. This proper ordering of awareness will keep a person from ever leaving their first love and passion for Christ. Doing this, the Believer will not find themselves being admonished to return to their first love when they first found Christ. Revelation 2:4 speaks of this very condition among those who called themselves Christian. God acknowledged to the Ephesians they were, industrious, laborious, active, troubled, patiently enduring, and how they could not tolerate wicked [men] and had tested

## Scripture:

### Hebrews 11:1-10 (AMP)

**1** NOW FAITH is the assurance (the confirmation, the title deed) of the things [we] hope for, being the proof of things [we] do not see and the conviction of their reality [faith perceiving as real fact what is not revealed to the senses]. **2** For by [faith--trust and holy fervor born of faith] the men of old had divine testimony borne to them and obtained a good report. **3** By faith we understand that the worlds [during the successive ages] were framed (fashioned, put in order, and equipped for their intended purpose) by the word of God, so that what we see was not made out of things which are visible. **4** [Prompted, actuated] by faith Abel brought God a better and more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, because of which it was testified of him that he was righteous [that he was upright and in right standing with God], and God bore witness by accepting and acknowledging his gifts. And though he died, yet [through the incident] he is still speaking.<sup>(a)</sup> **5** Because of faith Enoch was caught up and transferred to heaven, so that he did not have a glimpse of death; and he was not found, because God had translated him. For even before he was taken to heaven, he received testimony [still on record] that he had pleased and been satisfactory to God.<sup>(b)</sup> **6** But without faith it is impossible to please and be satisfactory

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Gen.  
4:3-10

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5:21-24

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6:13-22

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12:1-8

to Him. For whoever would come near to God must [necessarily] believe that God exists and that He is the rewarder of those who earnestly and diligently seek Him [out]. **7** [Prompted] by faith Noah, being forewarned by God concerning events of which as yet there was no visible sign, took heed and diligently and reverently constructed and prepared an ark for the deliverance of his own family. By this [his faith which relied on God] he passed judgment and sentence on the world's unbelief and became an heir and possessor of righteousness (that relation of being right into which God puts the person who has faith).<sup>(c)</sup> **8** [Urged on] by faith Abraham, when he was called, obeyed and went forth to a place which he was destined to receive as an inheritance; and he went, although he did not know or trouble his mind about where he was to go. **9** [Prompted] by faith he dwelt as a temporary resident in the land which was designated in the promise [of God, though he was like a stranger] in a strange country, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, fellow heirs with him of the same promise.<sup>(d)</sup> **10** For he was [waiting expectantly and confidently] looking forward to the city which has fixed and firm foundations, whose Architect and Builder is God.

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and critically appraised those who call [themselves] apostles (special messengers of Christ) and they were not found to be impostors and liars. They had born up under trials for Christ's name sake, without fainting or becoming exhausted or growing weary. All this being true, however they had lost their first love, contact and close faith in the spiritual connection sense. You see the Ephesians were commended for their works, but chastised for their not maintaining or growing in that special spiritual bonding.

### Resurrected Faith

Resurrected faith is faith which returns and builds in the spirit with a 24/7 spiritual awareness and bonding. This cleaving to God permits the original joy of the God to man relationship to flourish. It is the joy of this experience then that permits spiritual strength. This spiritual strength enables the influencing of the natural world just as Jesus did when he calmed the storm, healed the blind, or raised the dead. It is the faith relationship which engenders and creates the Garden of Eden relationship with God and restores man's original authority to those who are in Christ Jesus.

### Just so you'll know:

**Our service is informal.** We look to the Holy Spirit of God to guide us corporately and individually.

Our service usually follows this general pattern:

- **Informal sharing** of what we have seen the Lord do in, through, and around us since we last met.
  - Testimonies are often a part of the conversation.
- **Opening Prayer**
- **Praise & Worship**
- **Words of Prophecy or Knowledge** if they have been given during “Praise & Worship” (other times as the Spirit moves).
- **The Pastoral Message**
- **Comments & Questions**
- **Prayer Requests**
  - Ministry to those present & intercession.
- **The Blessing**

