

A person of faith

When we think of “people of faith”, we think of Moses, Abraham, Jesus’ mother Mary, John Baptist, the Apostle Paul, etc, etc, etc. Now *those* were people of faith! But what we have seen of those people has been *just a few snapshots* of their lives; snapshots of those moments when they rose up, so to speak; when they met a mighty challenge in a mighty way. But what about their daily lives? What about their sleepless nights? What about their times of loss and grief? What about the days when they had a migraine, or a toothache, or had a falling out with a friend? What did they look like... or did they just go from one mighty challenge to another mighty challenge, never stopping to have lunch or do laundry?

No doubt, you yourself have risen in faith to meet mighty challenges. But most of life (yours and theirs) is not like that. Most of life is made up of small challenges; annoying relatives, crying babies, crabby bosses, rude neighbors and achy joints. How do you face these small challenges? Do you bring them to God believing Him for blessing, deliverance, patience, etc? If you do, then you too are a person of faith.

Let’s think for a second about the life of King Saul. The first king of the nation Israel, the biggest, tallest, best looking, most athletic guy in his entire tribe of Benjamin... “all of that and a bag of chips” as it were (1Sam9:2). Saul was anointed to be king over all Israel (1Sam9:15-17, 10:1). Saul was gifted by God to prophecy with the prophets to the nation Israel (1Sam10:11). Saul had the Spirit of God mightily upon him (1Sam11:6). Saul’s army won some mighty victories, defeating the enemies of Israel on the field of battle (1Sam13:2-4). It might look like Saul did great with the mighty challenges!

But even a cursory reading of the life of Saul (1Sam: chapters 9-31) reveals that in his daily life, in the normal, mundane, actual *decision making stuff of life*, he was not able to meet the *little* challenges. Every time something came along where Saul had to make a Godly decision (based on his looks and anointing he should have chosen in a God-glorifying fashion each and every time!) he chose quite poorly, each and every time. It was not long before God sent the prophet to him to yank the kingdom from him, and from any of his heirs.

Life may bring us tremendous tasks, for which we will pray tremendous strength. But the true person of faith just makes Godly decisions in the little things of life, every day, steady Eddy, mighty challenges notwithstanding. Are you a person of faith?

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His lord said unto him, well done, good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will set thee over many things; enter thou into the joy of thy lord (Matt25:21).