

Four aspects of faith. (As seen in the life of David.)

1. God proves His power through us when we trust Him. 1 Samuel 17 V 31-50

V 36 Davids faith in his every day employment. We won't have to kill lions & bears, but we do have to love sinners, love our enemies and treat them well.

Work as if working for the Lord and as much as we can live peaceably with all.

2. Faith doesn't require or promote foolishness, but to the world it often looks like it.  
1 Samuel 26 V 7, 13-14 v21 Return to me I will never hurt you. V 25 Saul returned to the palace but David didn't! Matthew 10 V 16 Wise as a serpent, harmless as a dove!

3. Faith can decline. 1 Samuel 27 v 1 1 Samuel 16 V 1 V 12-13 David chosen of God to be next king of Israel. Hebrews 11 V 5-6  
Then lack of faith leads to bad decisions. ( Although they look wise to the world) Davids bad decision looked good for while because it was right in that Saul didn't pursue him there BUT It broke fellowship with God (vine and branches) that weakens faith, harms the name of God, destroys our testimony and invites the Lords loving chastisement. 1 Sam. 27 V 6-7 tell us David was in decent for for 16 months, a time of lies, deception, humiliation, spiritual defeat and misery all through a lack of faith and its' consequences.

4. Faith can be restored! 1 Samuel 30 v1-6

A. How simple ( not easy ) it is. 1 John 1 V 5-9 Same principle as when we got saved. Acknowledge to God I'm wrong, your'e right.

- B. Proof faith restored which results in fellowship with God ( vine and branches ) is always obedience, because lack of faith ALWAYS brings disobedience.  
1 Samuel 30 V 7-8 Contrast The faith of David here to his lack of faith 27 V 1