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Anyone who is a man after God's own heart must have a real faith in that God.

That which pleases God is faith in Him (Heb. 11:6)

SEE: List of verses in Psalms which describe David's faith:

It often takes obstacles and overcoming those obstacles to build our faith (ILLUS: Circus Elephant tied to an 18 inch stake - Greek #459)

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It's easy to trust God when life is easy. . . days are bright. . . the prospect is clear.

But what do you do when the bottom falls out . . . when times are intensely distressful. . . when a child dies. . . when a huge unexpected bill arrives. . . when tragedy strikes?

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"The people spake of stoning him"

(The Israelites when without water in the wilderness planned the same death for Moses - Ex. 17:4)

There will be times when a friend/Christian brother will be used of God to encourage you when life is distressing (EX: Jonathan's encouragement of David - [I Sam. 23:16] - "And Jonathan Saul's son arose, and went to David into the wood, and strengthened his hand in God.")

And there will be times when you will need to encourage yourself in God.

David gave himself a "pep talk."

He let God minister to his heart.

What things about God do you think strengthened David at this time?

--David trusted that God had everything under control and that He would do what was right.

Faith - ILLUS: George Muller (Green #453)

B. The RESPONSE of David's faith (30:7-16)

True faith always responds. It moves you into action. It is not stagnant or dead but moving and living.

C. The REWARD of David's faith (30:17-19)

II. David Trusted God to <u>EXALT</u> Him (II Sam. 4:8-10; 5:12)

David's rival, Ishbosheth, was made king over all Israel (II Sam. 2:8-11).

David knew that he was to be the next king, but made no attempt to dethrone or kill Ishbosheth.

David had vowed to be loyal to the house of Saul, therefore he would no stretch out his hand against Ishbosheth.

David was <u>patient</u> in taking the throne (his life teaches us <u>patience</u>).

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Promotion - Psalm 75:6-7 - "For promotion cometh neither from the east, nor from the west, nor from the south. But God is the judge: He putteth down one, and setteth up another."

B. David trusted God to exalt him in His <u>TIME</u> (5:12)

--Samuel anointed David to be king in I Sam. 16:13. David was a teenager.

--Saul, however, reigned for 32 long years (1043-1011 B.C.)

--David was hunted down by Saul for many years.

--He reigns over southern Judah in Hebron for 7 years.

--Then finally in the "City of David", he reigns over all Israel beginning in 1004 B.C. for 33 years.

What a long wait to become king.

Examples of those who waited upon God to exalt them:

Joseph
Jesus (Phil. 2:1-11)

Sometimes a person is "called" into full-time service by the Lord, but must wait for His timing.

"Seekest thou great things for thyself? Seek them not" (Jer. 45:5)

CONCLUSION:

David no doubt taught Solomon about trusting God.

Solomon wrote: Proverbs 3:5-6

ILLUS: Earthquake (Green, #467)