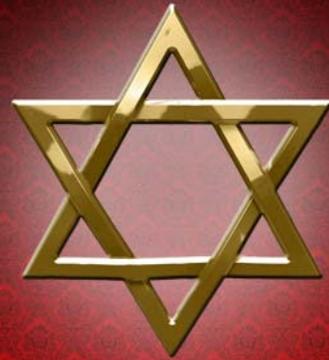




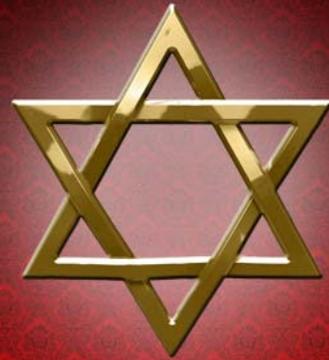
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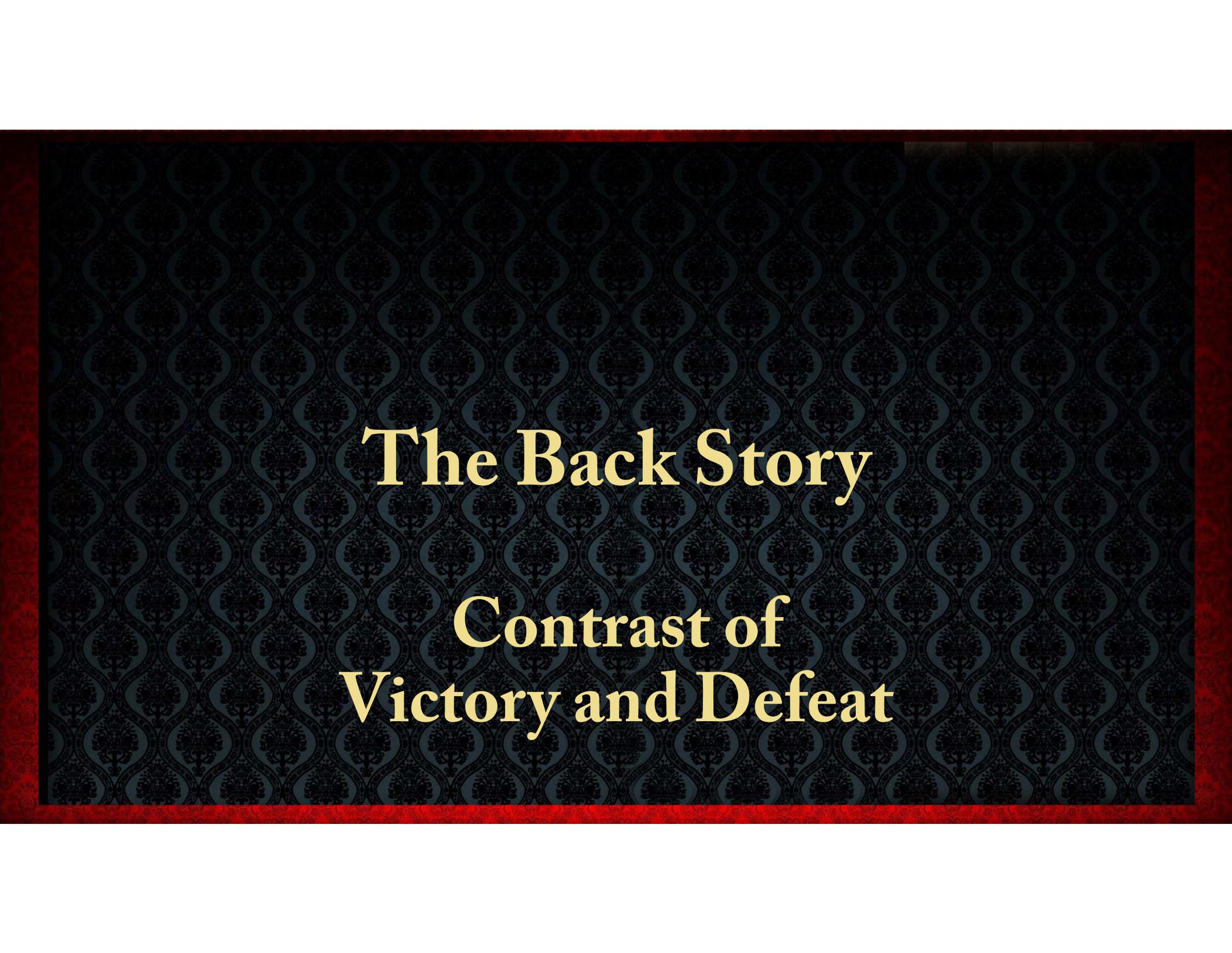
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Reasons for the Failure

1 Samuel 26-27



The Back Story

Contrast of
Victory and Defeat

David as Fugitive



Saul considered David as his mortal enemy



David as Fugitive



7_{1/2} years sought him to kill him

Spared Saul's Life (First Time)

1 Samuel 24:10-15



“My Lord the King...My Father”

*...there is neither evil nor rebellion in my hand,
and I have not sinned against you.
Yet you hunt my life to take it*

*Therefore let the Lord be judge, and judge between you and me,
and see and plead my case, and deliver me out of your hand.*

Victory

David refused to harm Saul

Second Time

As the Lord lives, the Lord shall strike him, or his day shall come to die, or he shall go out to battle and perish. The Lord forbid that I should stretch out my hand against the Lord's anointed.”
1 Samuel 26:10-11

Defeat

David lapse from faith

Now I shall perish someday by the hand of Saul.
There is nothing better for me than that I should
speedily escape to the land of the Philistines;
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1 Samuel 27:1

The Ziphite again tell Saul of David's location









David Spares Saul

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The Failure of Unbelief
1 Samuel 27:1



And David said in his heart, “Now I shall perish someday by the hand of Saul. There is nothing better for me than that I should speedily escape to the land of the Philistines; and Saul will despair of me, to seek me anymore in any part of Israel. So I shall escape out of his hand.”

1 Samuel 27:1



We are not prepared for the sad decline in the spirit of trust which is recorded in the beginning of the twenty-seventh chapter.



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In his collision with Nabal we saw him fail in what seemed one of his strong points – the very spirit of self control which he had exercised so remarkably toward Saul. Now we see another fail in another of his strong points – the spirit of trust toward God.



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The Problem of Unbelief



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The Psalms of King David

Psalm 13

Psalm 13:1-2



How long, O Lord? Will You forget me forever?

How long will You hide Your face from me?

How long shall I take counsel in my soul,

Having sorrow in my heart daily?

How long will my enemy be exalted over me?

Psalm 13:3-4



**Consider and hear me, O Lord my God;
Enlighten my eyes,
Lest I sleep the sleep of death;**

**Lest my enemy say,
“I have prevailed against him”;
Lest those who trouble me rejoice when I am
moved.**

The Problem of Unbelief



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Sources of Unbelief



And David said in his heart...

Talked with self

– exclude those whose faith was strong

Gad the Prophet,

Abiathar the Priest

Sources of Unbelief



And David said in his heart...

Talked with self

- Spiritual high point in not killing Saul
- Emotional wave

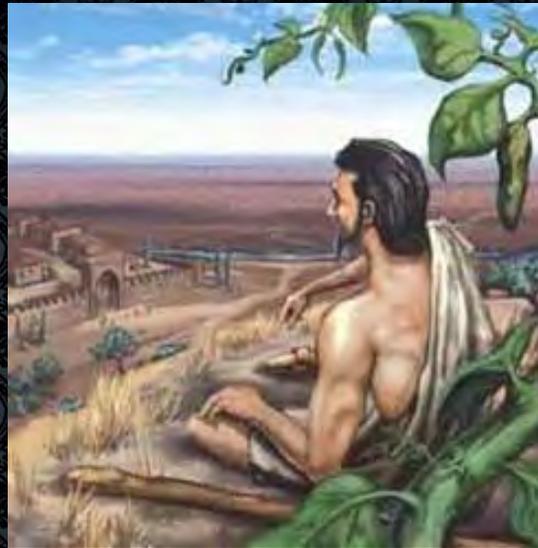
Now felt sorry for himself

- 7 years of running

Sources of Unbelief



Moses
Numb. 11:14-15



Jonah
Jonah 4:3



Elijah
1 Kings 19:4

Sources of Unbelief



And David said in his heart...

Talked with self

Fatigue – not thinking clearly

False hopes

Disillusionment with God's People

Sources of Unbelief



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Sources of Unbelief



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2. Focused on Circumstance not the Word of God

God spoke through His servant

God confirmed His Word through others

Sources of Unbelief



Focused on Circumstances not Word of God.

Samuel anointed him by the Word of God to be King



Sources of Unbelief



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Confirmed by



Jonathan to David
1 Samuel 23:17-18



Saul to David
1 Samuel 24:20-21



Abigail to David
1 Samuel 25 27-31

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3. Confusion over God’s Protection

“Someday” Looking at now - not God’s Future

Sources of Unbelief



Failed to remember God's Protection.

1. Bear, Lion, Goliath, Soldiers on Battlefield
2. Spear, Assassination Attempt, Army
3. Saul in Cave, Saul in Camp

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Mental Defeat

Leaving Promised Land

Place of Service to the Lord

Walking in the way of the pagans

Lessons

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1. Beware after a spiritual (and emotional) high

*Therefore let him who thinks he stands
take heed lest he fall.*

1 Corinthians 10:12

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2. Do not make decisions on your own thoughts alone

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart,
And lean not on your own understanding;
In all your ways acknowledge Him,
And He shall direct your paths.*

Proverbs 3:5-6

Lessons

for Unbelief



3. Follow the revealed Word of God

Your word is a lamp to my feet

And a light to my path.

Psalm 119:105

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4. Focus on the Lord not the problem

No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.

1 Corinthians 10:13

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5. Remember the Lord's Protection

But the Lord is faithful, who will establish you and guard you from the evil one.

2 Thessalonians 3:3

Lessons

for Unbelief



6. Rejoice in the Lord

That is what David eventually did when he came to walking with the Lord again.

Psalm 13:1-2



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How long shall I take counsel in my soul,

Having sorrow in my heart daily?

How long will my enemy be exalted over me?

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**But I have trusted in Your mercy;
My heart shall rejoice in Your salvation.**

**I will sing to the Lord,
Because He has dealt bountifully with me.**

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6. Rejoice in the Lord

Rejoice in the Lord always.

Again I will say, rejoice!

Philippians 4:4

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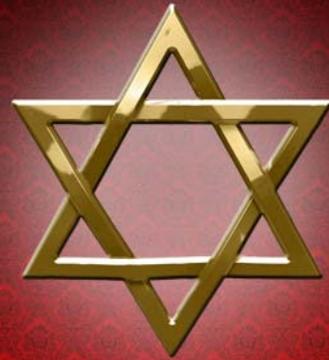


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