

## Hebrews 11:32 – David, Samuel, the prophets

| KJV                                                                                                                                                                                                | International Children's Bible                                                                                                                                      | English Standard Version                                                                                                                                        |
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| <p><sup>32</sup> And what shall I more say? for the time would fail me to tell of Gedeon, and of Barak, and of Samson, and of Jephthae; <b>of David also, and Samuel, and of the prophets:</b></p> | <p><sup>32</sup> Do I need to give more examples? I do not have time to tell you about Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, <b>David, Samuel, and the prophets.</b></p> | <p><sup>32</sup> And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of <b>David and Samuel and the prophets—</b></p> |

**David also** – We know David was a man who sometimes gave into his fleshly desires, but was overall a man of great faith, trusting in the Lord when all was going wrong. David was Israel's greatest king. He was a warrior-king. We find his story from 1 Samuel 15 - 2 Samuel 24. He was a person of faith even as a young man while tending sheep. He killed lions and bears. He killed the giant Goliath 1 Samuel 17:46-47! David failed by committing adultery with Bathsheba and killing her husband. Yet, God used him to write Psalm 32 (pay close attention to verses 5-6) and Psalm 51. He was a man after God's heart who wanted to do His will. Paraphrase Act 13:22 \_\_\_\_\_

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God was pleased with him, not because of his failures but because of his faith.

**And Samuel** - Samuel was both a judge and a prophet - 1 Samuel 9. He appointed the first two kings of Israel. He was the last of the judges and the first of the prophets. His enemies were Israelites who committed themselves to idolatry and immorality. This man took a stand against his people. It takes a special kind of courage to confront one's own people. Look at 1 Samuel 12:16-18. Samuel was a man who was called of God to rebuke the priests, the people, and even the king. Yet, we can understand that Samuel had his struggles too. Let's read 1 Samuel 8:1-3. God is showing us that Samuel wasn't immune to problems. Even if you lead the most "Christian" life, you are not immune to your children going astray. Your faith defines you and you alone. You can raise them with the fear and reverence for God, but they must choose who they will service.

**And of the prophets** - The rest of the prophets had similar ministries. "Prophets" would include all the prophets from the judges forward. These men did not fight on the battlefield, but in the realm of the spiritual they fought for truth. Their communication was "thus says the Lord." Regular folks whose only way to endure opposition, humiliation, and persecution was their faith in God. But because they had faith, they did amazing things, incredible feats. Their confidence did not falter under duress. All these men had their problems and failures but, when it came to faith in God, they stood firm.

