



THE GREAT FAITH OF OTHERS

Hebrews 11:32-40





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the Prophets

How to maintain Great Faith When Really Bad Things Happen to You?

Hebrews II:32-35a

"And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— "who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, aguenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵Women <u>received back their dead</u> by resurrection.

Hebrews II:35b-40

Some were <u>tortured</u>, <u>refusing to accept release</u>, so that they might rise again to a better life.

³⁶Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. 37 They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword. They went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, mistreated sof whom the world was not worthy—wandering about in deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. "And all these, though commended through their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

2 GROUPS OF PEOPLE SAME FAITH DIFFERENT OUTCOME



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V32-35a ALL THE HEROES YOU WANNA BE

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3 Applications

#I TRUST GOD FOR HIS PROMISES



GREAT FAITH DOES NOT EXEMPT YOU FROM PROBLEMS



BUT BY FAITH WHEN YOU FACE WITH PROBLEMS, TRUST GOD FOR HIS PROMISES!

John 16:33 NKJV

These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

James 1:2-4 ESV

Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

I Peter 1:6-7 ESV

In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

I Peter 4:12 ESV

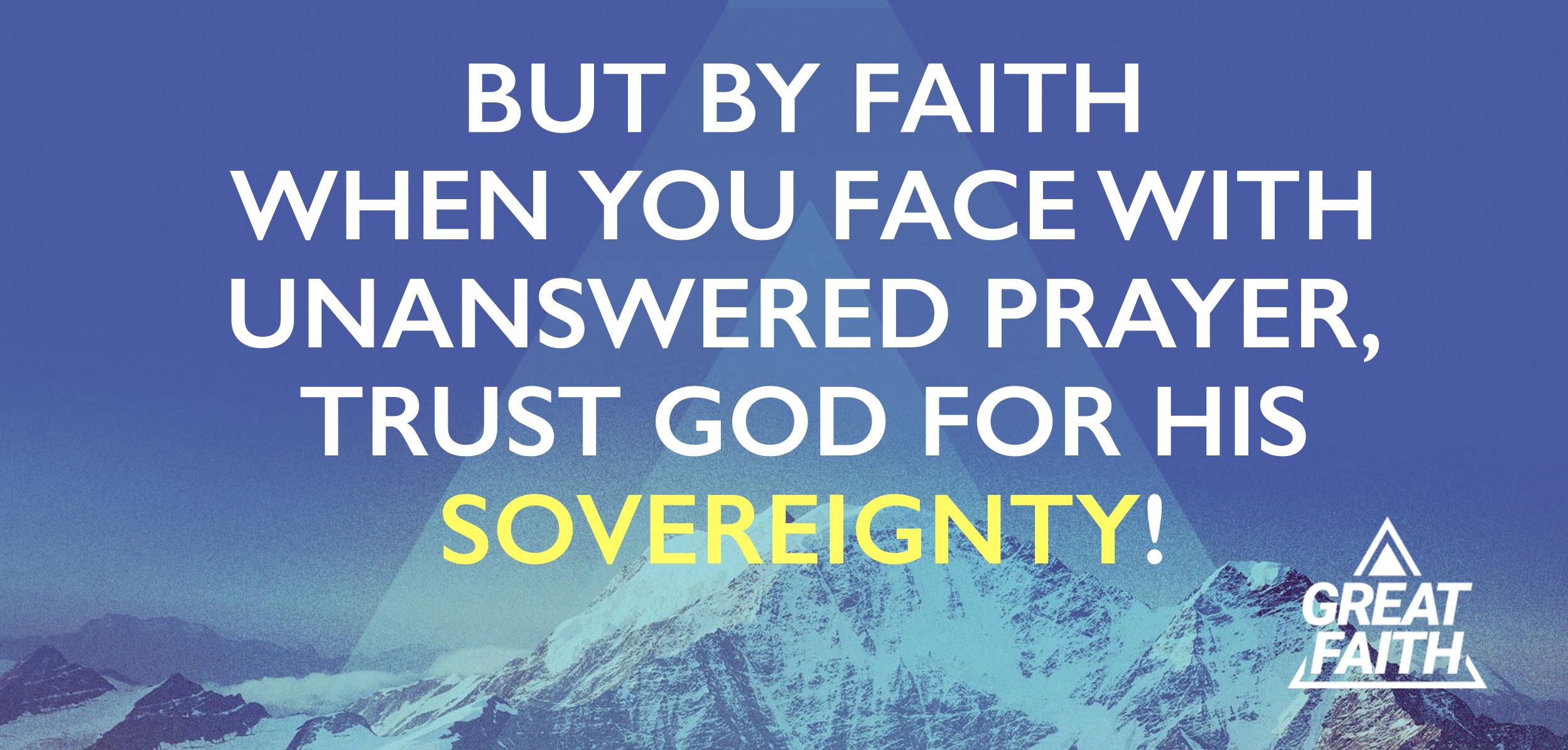
Beloved, **do not be surprised** at **the fiery trial** when it comes upon you **to test you**, as though something strange were happening to you.

#2 TRUST GOD FOR HIS SOVEREIGNTY



GREAT FAITH DOES NOT EXEMPT YOU FROM UNANSWERED PRAYER





Hebrews 11:39

"And all these, though commended through their faith, did not receive what was promised,

Isaiah 55:8-9 ESV

8 For **my thoughts** are not your thoughts, neither are your ways **my ways**, declares the Lord. 9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are **my ways** higher than your ways and **my thoughts** than your thoughts.

Isaiah 55:10-11 ESV

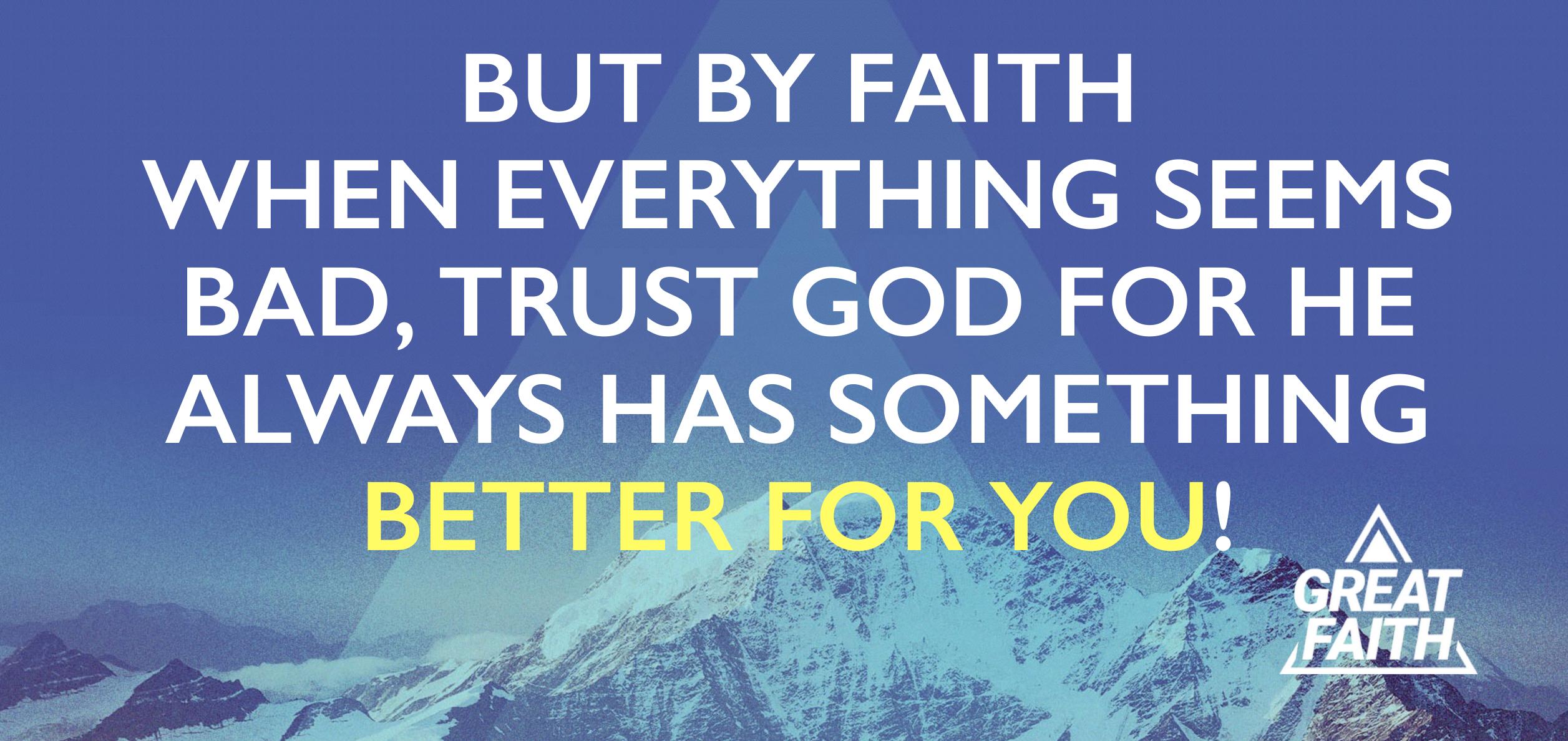
10 "For as **the rain and the snow** come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, I I so shall **my word** be that goes out from **my mouth**; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which **I purpose**, and shall succeed in the thing for which **I sent it**.

#3 TRUST GOD FOR HE ALWAYS HAS SOMETHING BETTER FOR YOU



GREAT FAITH DOES NOT EXEMPT YOU FROM BAD THINGS





Hebrews 11:39-40

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Hebrews 12:1-2 ESV

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, 2 looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

We Thrive Not Because We Have Great Faith We Thrive Because We have a GREAT GOD

