

Rejecting the Grasshopper Mentality

Numbers 13:33

Courageous Living
*“Land of the
Giants”*



God's Best was About to Come (1, 27)

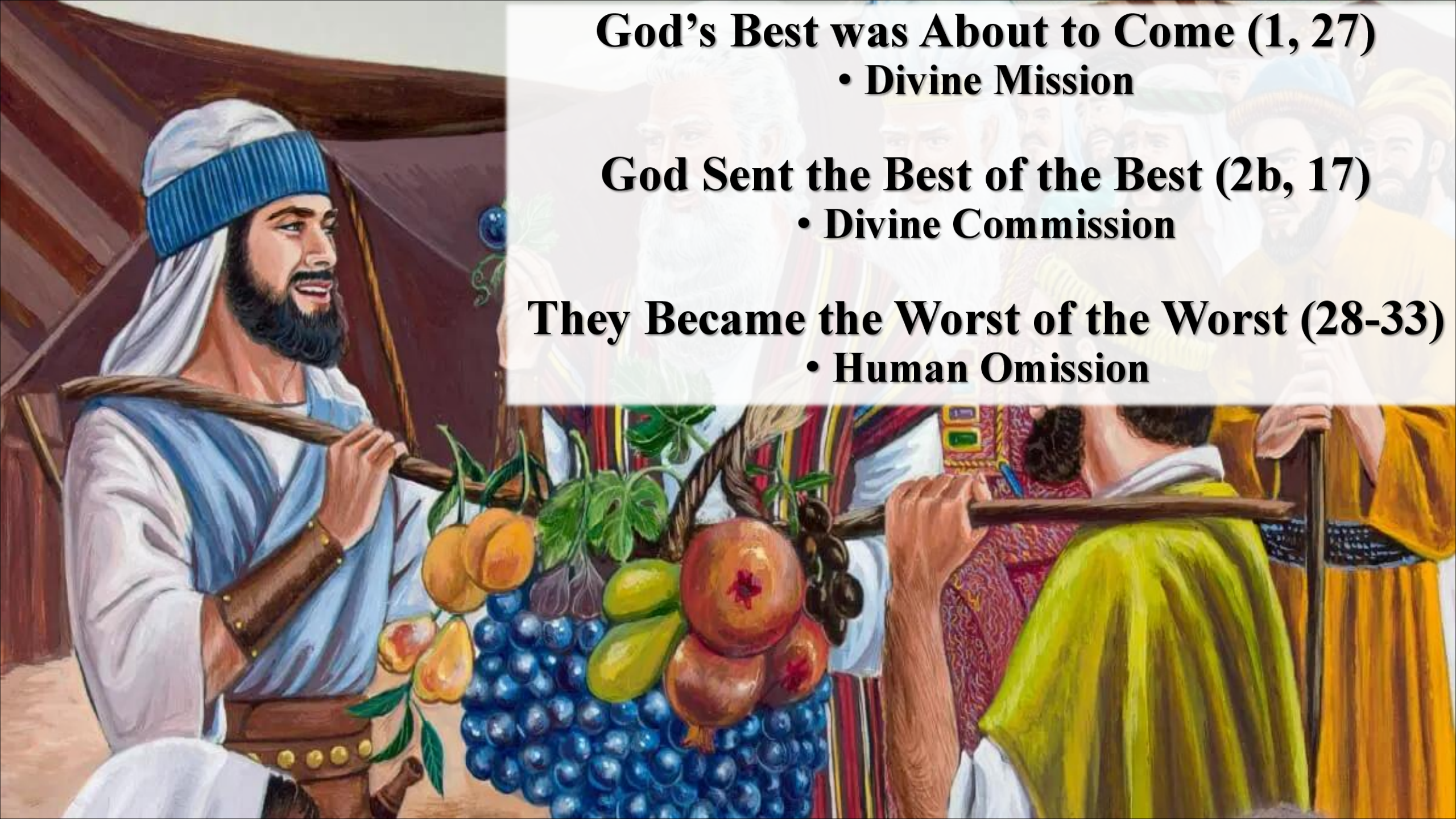
• **Divine Mission**

God Sent the Best of the Best (2b, 17)

• **Divine Commission**

They Became the Worst of the Worst (28-33)

• **Human Omission**



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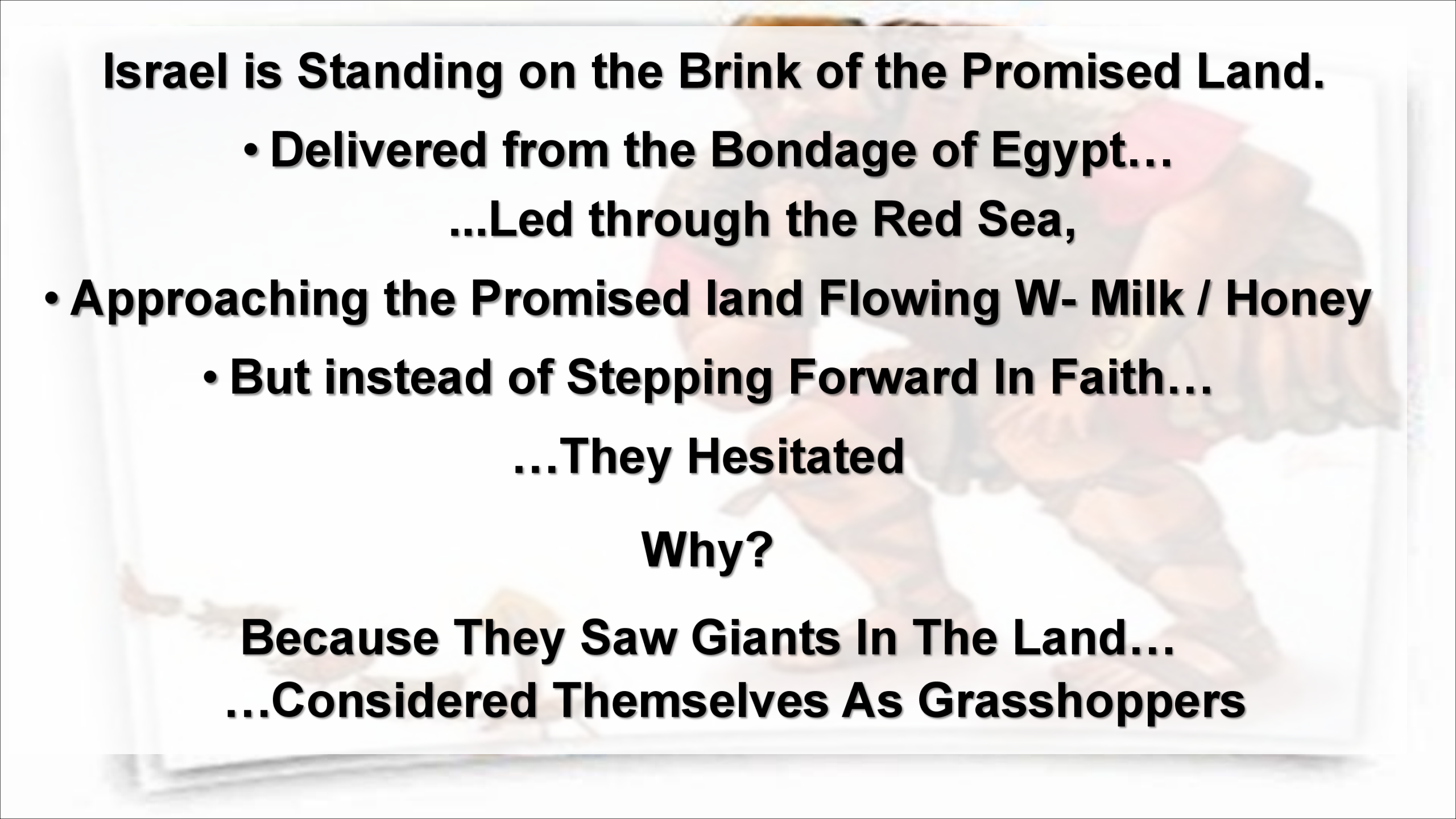
- **Self-Defeating**
- **Self-Limiting**
- **Perception**

We Carry of Ourselves and Abilities



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Because They Saw Giants In The Land...

...Considered Themselves As Grasshoppers

GRASSHOPPERS OR GIANTS?

Keeping The Faith....
...In Tough Times



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- **We Look At Our Own Abilities / Strength...**
...We Feel Like Grasshoppers.
- **But This Is Not How God Sees Us...**
...It's Not How He Wants Us to See Ourselves.



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□ We Are at War!

Eph 6:10-12, ¹⁰ *Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, / in the power of his might.* ¹¹ *Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.* ¹² *For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.*

□ This War is...

- **Daily** -Attacks can come at any hour
- **Powerful** -all your strength not enough
- **All Inclusive** -No One is Excluded

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Psalms 18:34 (KJV)

*³⁴ He teacheth my hands to war, so that
a bow of steel is broken by mine arms.*

▪ **Speaks of the Ordinary Doing the Extra-Ordinary**

Dependant on God for...

- **Guidance** *-teaches*
- **Strategy** *-to war*
- **Purpose** *-bow of steel broken*
- **Strength** *-broken by mine arms*

A close-up photograph of a hand covered in dirt, gripping a hammer with a gold-colored head and a black handle. The hand is positioned as if about to strike a surface. Below it, two other hands, also covered in dirt, are raised in a gesture of surrender or prayer. The background is a bright blue sky with wispy white clouds.

*Don't
let the struggle break you.
Instead,
be the one to break it
so it can show you
the blessing behind.*

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#3- Giants Expose the Grasshoppers in the Crowd (When giants show up grasshoppers speak up).

- **Grasshoppers usu Blend into Their Environments ...
...But Giants Uncover Them**

Trust me
in your times of trouble,
and I will rescue you,
and you will give me glory.

Psalm 50:15

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#6- Struggles Test Your Level of Commitment

- The Only Way To Truly Gauge Your Level Of Commitment Is Through The Struggle**

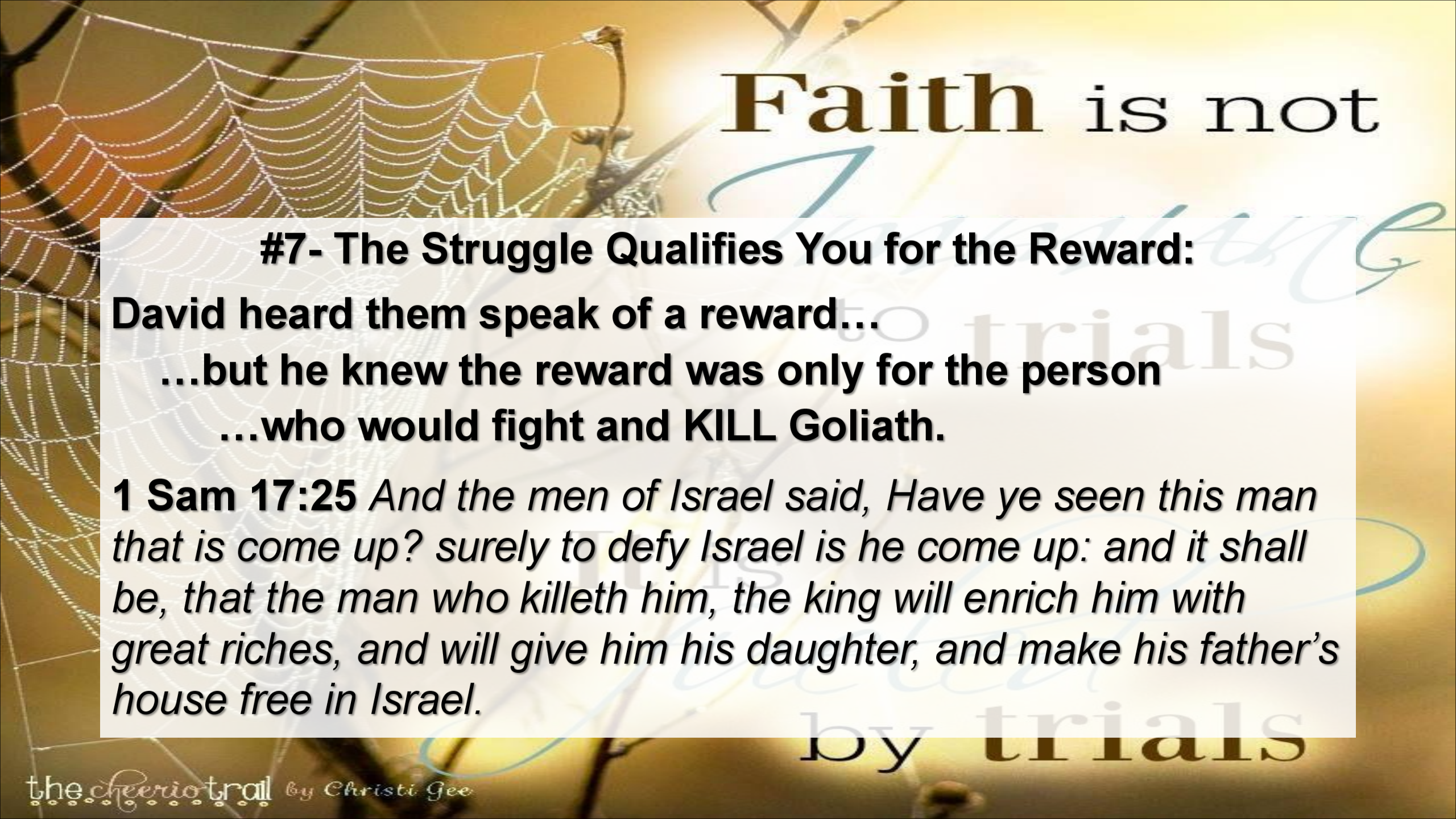


Faith is not

Immune
to **trials**

It is

fueled
by **trials**



Faith is not

#7- The Struggle Qualifies You for the Reward:

David heard them speak of a reward...

...but he knew the reward was only for the person

...who would fight and KILL Goliath.

1 Sam 17:25 *And the men of Israel said, Have ye seen this man that is come up? surely to defy Israel is he come up: and it shall be, that the man who killeth him, the king will enrich him with great riches, and will give him his daughter, and make his father's house free in Israel.*

Thank you Lord.
FOR MY
STRUGGLES
for without them.
I would have
never known
MY STRENGTHS.



Giants Have Been in the Land a Long Time...

...They Won't Leave Without a Fight (28)

These Giants had been in Canaan for Generations

- **Negative**
- **Destructive**
- **Stubborn**

You Must...

- **Hold on to the Vision**
- **Refuse to Quit the Struggle**
- **Trust God for Strength / Results**

Don't Get Discouraged When Everything Doesn't Change Overnight

- **War Takes Longer and Costs More Than We Expect**
- **But Victory is Certain Through the Grace of God**

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**Your best is
yet to come.**

x *Gad*