

## 2 Corinthians 5:7 (Jim Ruga) 220044

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Just have a. Few things that I'd like to perhaps tie together, some things that have been said. Think some of us can relate? Rather than stand up. They expound to us, they teach to us and things go right over our head. But we we get a little something. And that's good. That's important. You got something that's good. So. The first thing I want to read is a verse in 2nd Corinthians 5. 2nd Corinthians 5. Verse 7 For we walk by faith, not by sight. I really have three things that kind of. Tied together something from her brother Bob, something from her brother David, and something from her brother Nick. We're being encouraged in a vein of things. And from the from the life of Goliath. It doesn't tell us in Scripture that he viewed Goliath as a giant. It doesn't tell us that. Let's go to First Samuel, chapter 17. Just a few little tidbits or thoughts that I've enjoyed. I just want to bring out one little thing here. Yes, First Samuel 17 and verse 26 towards the end of the verse. This is how David viewed Goliath. For who is this uncircumcised philistine? That he should defer the defy the armies of God. Is that what it says? No, it doesn't. The living God. That's faith. That's faith. We need to remember that we walk by faith, not by sight. Faith is a critical. In an important aspect of our Christian life. We were talking about. Mentioned about reading the word of God just to recount a little story of a pastor. Who met a girl on a plane they were traveling. Took up a conversation. And. She professed to be a Christian. So the pastor said it's nice, it's wonderful. And he asked her, he says. You read your Bible, you pray, you go to church and maybe something else. She said, Oh no, I'm not that kind of Christian. Talking about relationship with the Lord, the reading of His Word, to be able to overcome, to be sustained, these things are vital. Talked about them, reading, prayer, meditating and so forth. In connection with what some of the beginning comments, what our brother Nick brought before us like to go to Hebrews chapter 10. Is opening remark had to talk about with perseverance and I really enjoyed that. We need perseverance. And here in Hebrews chapter 10 we have. Inverse. OK, let's see here. 23. No, you have need of patience. Yeah, I'm sorry. Here it is. Verse 36 for ye have need of patience. That's a good verse, Brother Nick. In need of patience. That is better translated. You need how you need endurance. We need endurance in our pathway down here. Patience is a nice thought, but it's a pathway where we're in a race and if you're going to get to the end, there's got to be a preparation, a goal set before you, and it's going to take endurance to get to the end.

Just the other last little thing was. Let's go to. We had the thought of our times, and in the Lord's hand to be sustained and to be kept. Let's go to Isaiah chapter 33. Isaiah chapter 33. And just verse 6 and wisdom. And knowledge shall be the stability of thy times in a new translation is better translated. He shall be the stability of that times. Who's that referring to the Lord Jesus. He shall be the stability of thy times. Psalm 31. Psalm 31. I think perhaps some of why I'm presenting is because it's been mentioned how we all have these different trials and circumstances and situations were in life. So Psalm 31, verse 14, but I trusted in Thee. Psalm 31, verse 14 but I trusted in Thee. Oh Lord, I said, thou art my God. My Times. In thy hand. Verse 24 Be of good courage and he shall strengthen your heart. All ye that hope. In the Lord. Like I said before, and I think as David put it, do you really believe, do we really believe that the Lord's in control of everything? Do we understand that our times are in His hand? Well, we can be assured from this precious Word, and we're encouraged to endure, to have patience. To persevere, to overcome these different things, and it's not left up to ourselves. What we need to do is to have confidence. We need to walk by faith, not by sight. And simply turn to His precious word, we can have reassurance and comfort of every particular situation we may find ourselves in.