



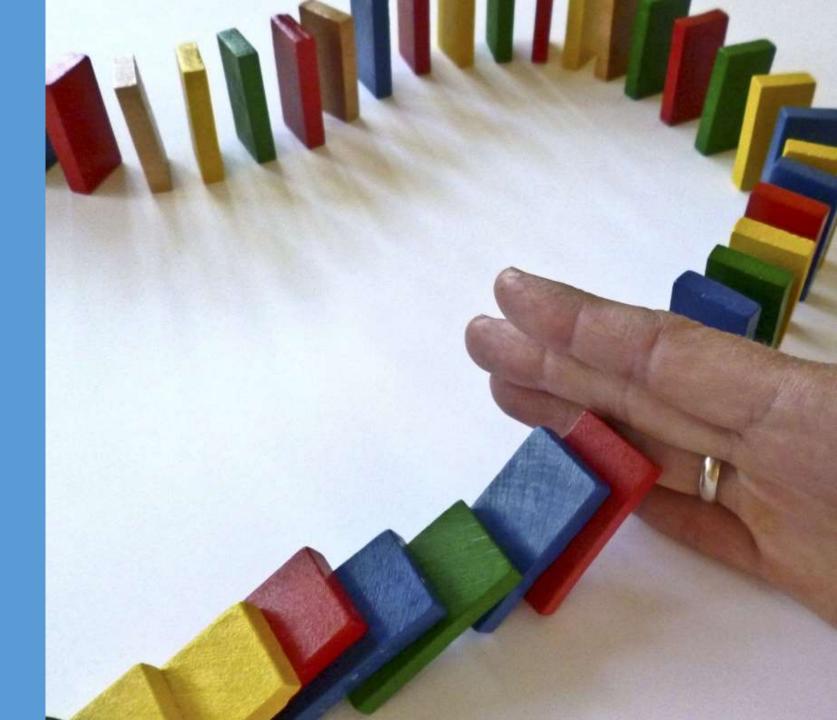


We learn to measure the consequences

An important lesson that we need to learn as early in life as possible!

To avoid an unwanted consequence...

There must be intervention to interrupt the action that will cause that consequence



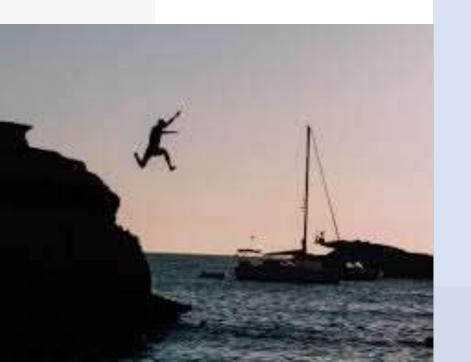
The Bible clearly teaches the need to measure consequences

Our actions have consequences, whether good or bad

- Colossians 3:23-25
- Matthew 7:13-14
- 2 Corinthians 5:10
- Galatians 6:7-8
- Proverbs 22:3



But faith defies our logic



- We learn to calculate consequences before we act
- But the Lord requires things that don't make sense to us
- Faith requires trust when we cannot see how things will work out
- Doubt paralyzes us

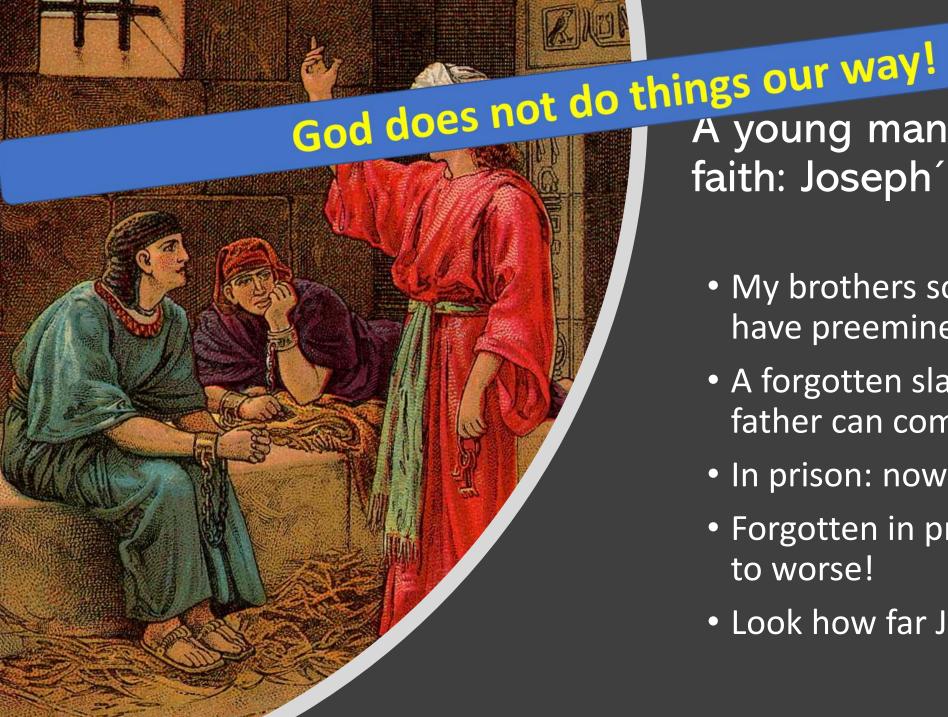




But how? Why Abraham is an example of faith

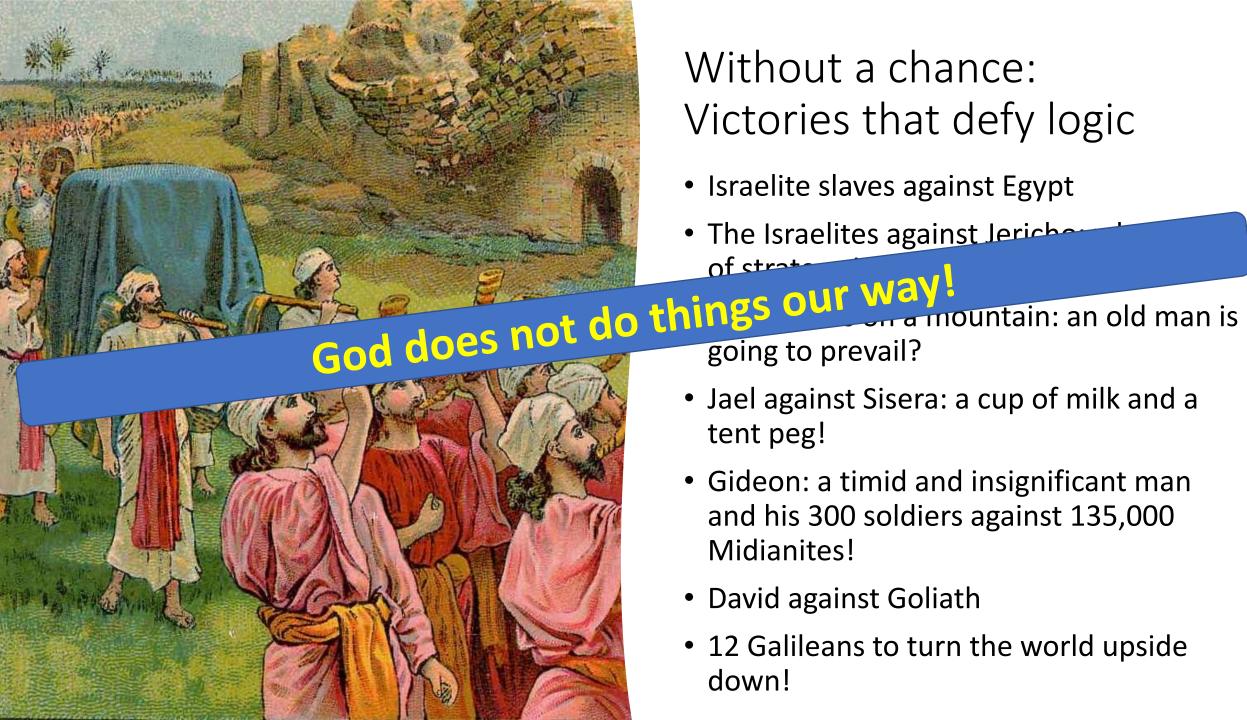
- How will I have a son in my old age?
- Can't You just accept Ishmael?
- If I sacrifice Isaac, what will happen with those promises?

God does not do things our way!



A young man's impressive faith: Joseph's story

- My brothers sold me. How will I have preeminence?
- A forgotten slave: not even my father can come to save me!
- In prison: now what?
- Forgotten in prison: from bad to worse!
- Look how far Joseph went!



Without a chance: Victories that defy logic

- Israelite slaves against Egypt
- The Israelites against Jeriche of strat
- Jael against Sisera: a cup of milk and a tent peg!
- Gideon: a timid and insignificant man and his 300 soldiers against 135,000 Midianites!
- David against Goliath
- 12 Galileans to turn the world upside down!



"jump"

- The Kingdom in first place? But I have to support my family!
- I know I should trust in God, but how will He do this?
- Faith is not the ability to understand how God will act, it is trust that He will do what He has promised!
 - Matthew 14:27-32
 - Luke 18:18-23
 - Matthew 6:31-34



The challenge for all of us

Truly trust in the Lord