



GOD'S HALL OF FAME

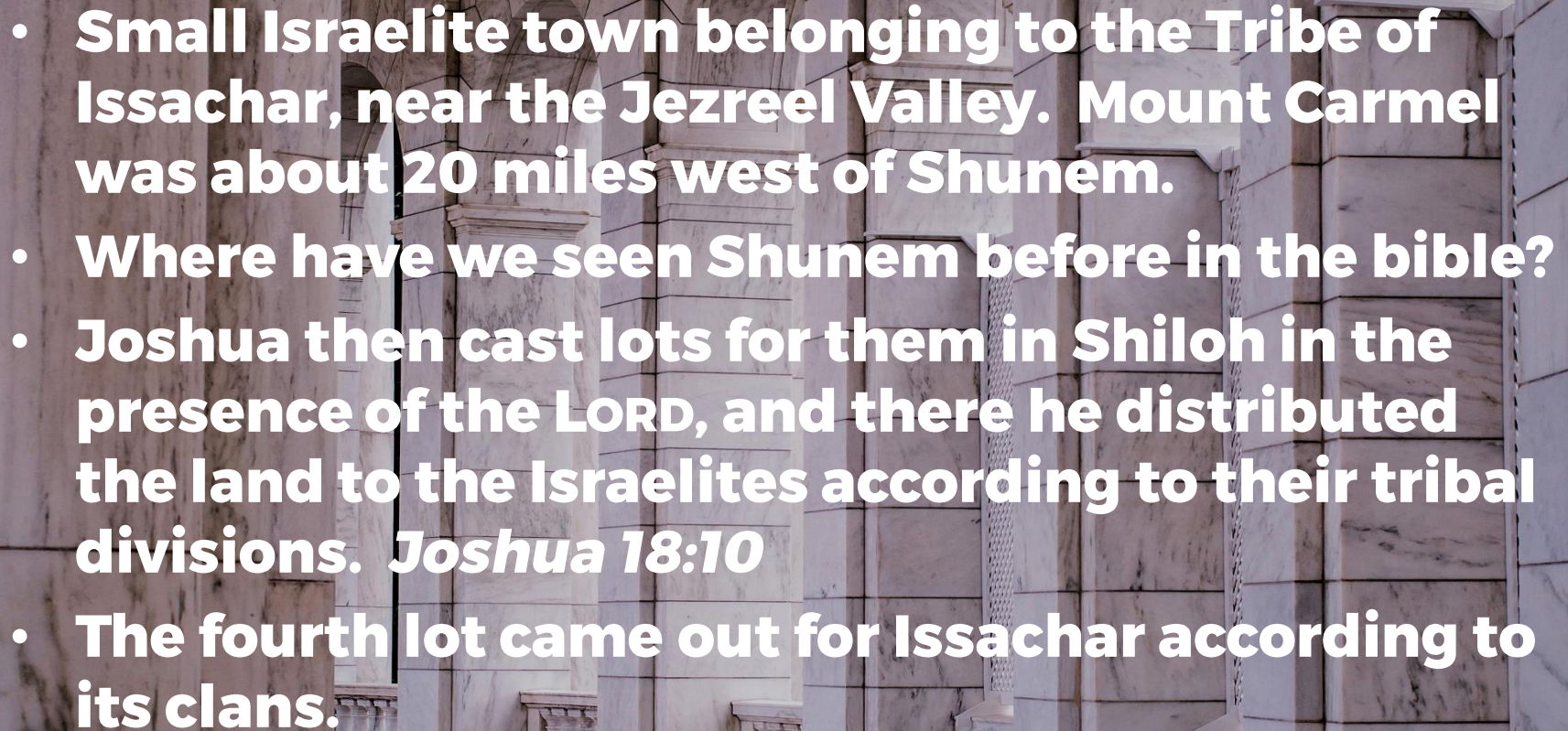


“FIGHT LIKE A SHUNAMMITE”

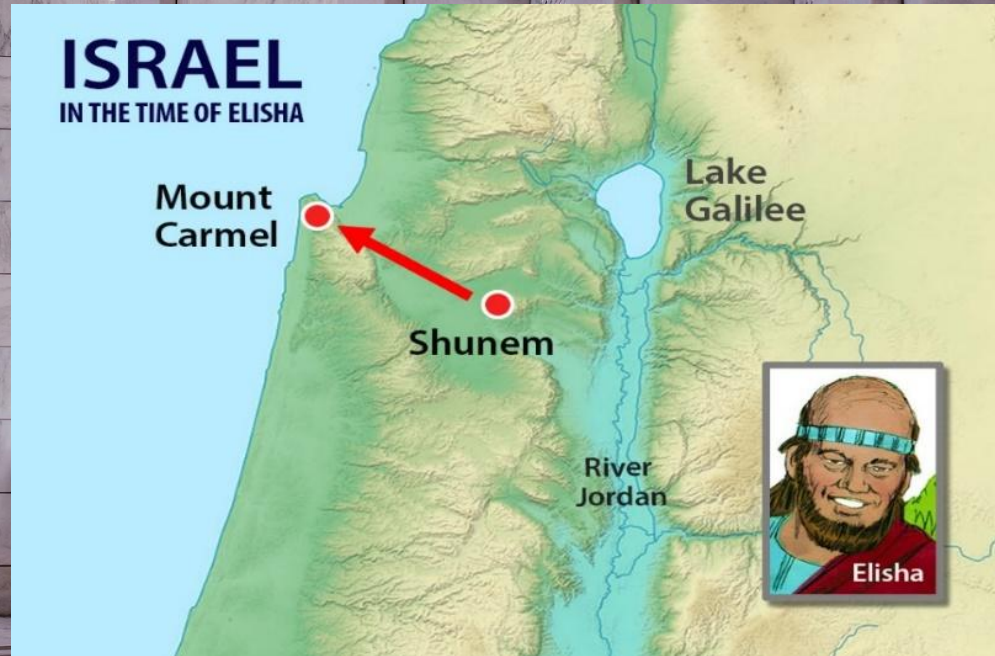
HOSPITALITY

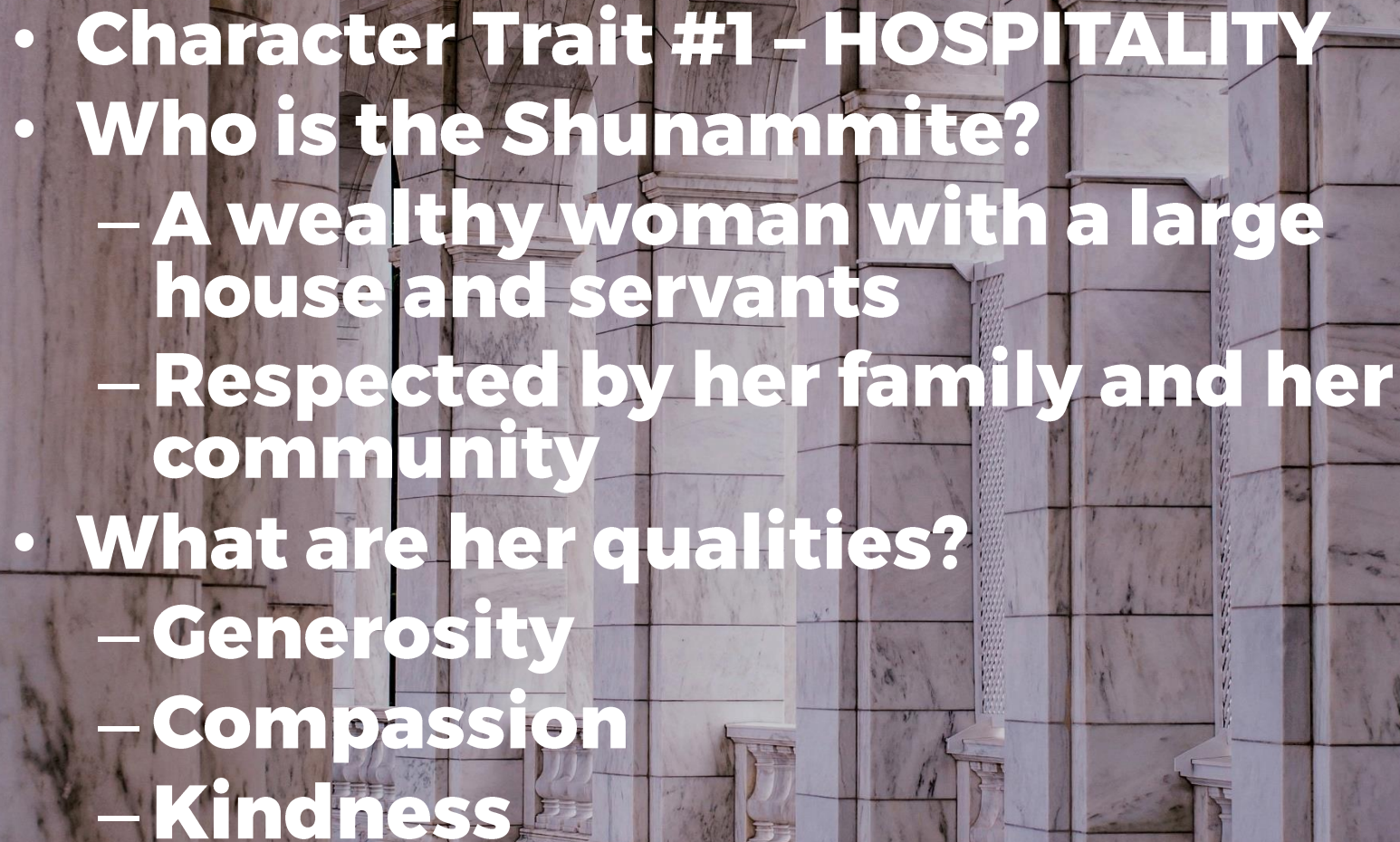
FAITH

A HOLY MAN OF GOD

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- **Small Israelite town belonging to the Tribe of Issachar, near the Jezreel Valley. Mount Carmel was about 20 miles west of Shunem.**
 - **Where have we seen Shunem before in the bible?**
 - **Joshua then cast lots for them in Shiloh in the presence of the LORD, and there he distributed the land to the Israelites according to their tribal divisions. *Joshua 18:10***
 - **The fourth lot came out for Issachar according to its clans.**

- Their territory included: Jezreel, Kesulloth, Shunem, ... *Joshua 19:17-18* Later, the Philistines gathered in Shunem to fight against Saul:
- The Philistines assembled and came and set up camp at Shunem, while Saul gathered all Israel and set up camp at Gilboa. *1 Samuel 28:4*



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- **Character Trait #1 – HOSPITALITY**
 - **Who is the Shunammite?**
 - **A wealthy woman with a large house and servants**
 - **Respected by her family and her community**
 - **What are her qualities?**
 - **Generosity**
 - **Compassion**
 - **Kindness**

- **Why is hospitality important in God's family?**

Acts 28:7

- There was an estate nearby that belonged to Publius, the chief official of the island. He welcomed us to his home and showed us generous hospitality for three days.

Romans 12:13

- Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

Romans 16:23

- Gaius, whose hospitality I and the whole church here enjoy, sends you his greetings. Erastus, who is the city's director of public works, and our brother Quartus send you their greetings.

1 Timothy 5:10

- and is well known for her good deeds, such as bringing up children, showing hospitality, washing the feet of the Lord's people, helping those in trouble and devoting herself to all kinds of good deeds.

Hebrews 13:2

- Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it.

1 Peter 4:9

- Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling.

3 John 1:8

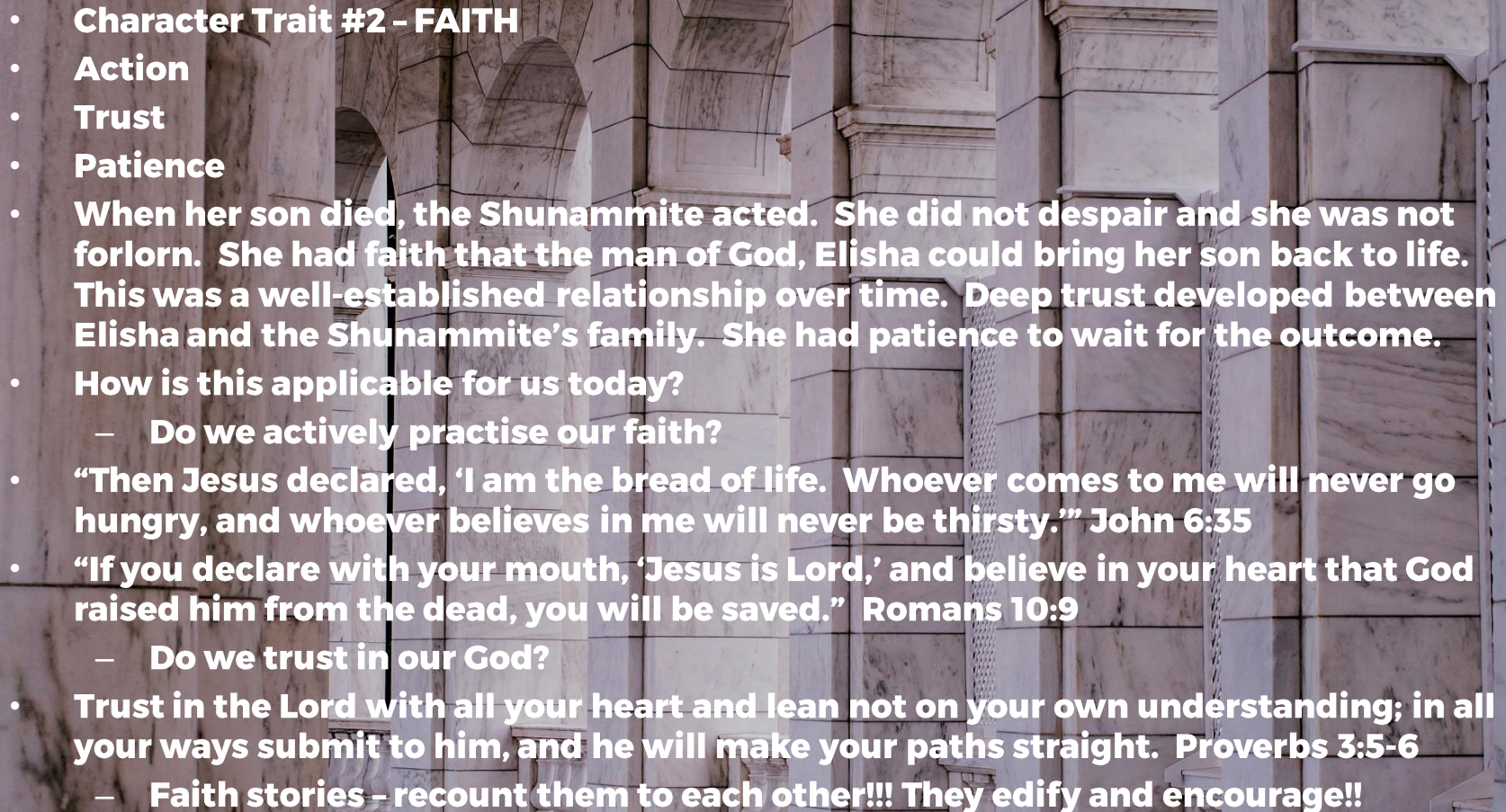
- We ought therefore to show hospitality to such people so that we may work together for the truth.

- **How is this applicable for us today?**
 - **Do we need a big house?**
 - **Do we need to be wealthy?**
 - **Example of hospitality in our church....**



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If you practise hospitality, you will be blessed more than you ever thought, just like the Shunammite. Blessing is in the serving!

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- **Character Trait #2 - FAITH**
 - **Action**
 - **Trust**
 - **Patience**
 - **When her son died, the Shunammite acted. She did not despair and she was not forlorn. She had faith that the man of God, Elisha could bring her son back to life. This was a well-established relationship over time. Deep trust developed between Elisha and the Shunammite's family. She had patience to wait for the outcome.**
 - **How is this applicable for us today?**
 - **Do we actively practise our faith?**
 - **"Then Jesus declared, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'" John 6:35**
 - **"If you declare with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." Romans 10:9**
 - **Do we trust in our God?**
 - **Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight. Proverbs 3:5-6**
 - **Faith stories - recount them to each other!!! They edify and encourage!!**



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Active ministry
Faith in Action

- **Character Trait #3 – RECOGNISE A HOLY MAN OF GOD**
- **Prophet (OT) – the calling on Elisha was to speak God's word, to be God's messenger. God's representative or ambassador by communicating God's word to his people.**
- **How did the Shunammite know Elisha was a prophet, one of God's messengers? Was she familiar with the prophets' words because she was an Israelite?**
- **Holiness – living a holy life, is it visible, why is this necessary?**
- **God calls his people to live holy lives so they can serve Him and one another:**
- **“But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.” *1Peter 2:9***
- **Can we apply this today? Can we recognise holy men and women of God?**
- **“An unreliable messenger stumbles into trouble, but a reliable messenger brings healing.” *Proverbs 13:17***