

## SERMON NOTES

### “A Hero’s Faith” – 1 Samuel 14:1-7

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*“Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith.”* Hebrews 13:7

*“One day Jonathan the son of Saul said to the young man who carried his armor, ‘Come let us go over the Philistine garrison on the other side.’”* 1 Samuel 14:1a

#### 1. Beware of Religious Red Tape

*“But he did not tell his father. Saul was staying in the outskirts of Gibeah in the pomegranate cave at Migron. The people who were with him were about six hundred men, including Ahijah the son of Phinehas, son of Eli, the priest of the Lord in Shiloh, wearing an Ephod. And the people did not know that Jonathan had gone.”* 1 Samuel 14:1b-3

Most people don’t dare to think like Jonathan because we’re too comfortable with the crowd hiding in the cave. Would you rather be in the “comfort” of the cave with the crowd or to step out in faith and see a movement of God?

#### 2. Move Forward in Faith

*“Jonathan said to the young man who carried his armor, ‘Come, let us go over to the garrison of these uncircumcised.’”* 1 Samuel 14:6a

*“If we are to be what God calls us to be – a people of God on a mission to worship Him and impact culture – we must recapture the conviction that Christianity is a movement.”*  
Alvin Reid

*“And I tell you, you are Peter and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.”* Matthew 16:18

#### a. Accept Uncertainty

*“It may be that the LORD will work for us...”* “  
1 Samuel 14:6

*“The frontiers of the Kingdom of God were never advanced by men and women of caution.”*  
J. Oswald Sanders

*“Preach the gospel, die, and be forgotten.”*  
Count Zinzendorf

*“Many of us want to do something awesome, something epic. We tend to think that the more normal, the less ‘spiritual.’ So it is quite possible that our aspirations to be radical stem from dangerous ambitions to perform biography-worthy feats of global glory.”* Andrew Byers

#### b. Embrace His Ability

*“For nothing can hinder the Lord from saving by many or by few.”* 1 Samuel 14:6

*“If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?”*  
Romans 8:31-32

*“Do all that is in your heart. Do as you wish. Behold I am with you heart and soul.”* 1 Samuel 14:7

*“To be certain of God means that we are uncertain in all our ways; we do not know what a day may bring forth. This is generally said with a sigh of sadness; it should rather be an expression of breathless expectation.”*  
Oswald Chambers

The gospel frees us to embrace both the risky and ordinary moments of life with a faith that says, “it may be that the Lord will work for us;” for we know in Christ that the Lord has worked for us.