


## BETTING ON GOD


- **1 Samuel 14:1-14 NKJV**
  - The story of how Jonathan Attacks the Philistines... *betting on yourself.*
- **1 Samuel 7:3 NKJV** ... Then Samuel spoke to all the house of Israel, saying, "If you return to the LORD with all your hearts, then put away the foreign gods and the Ashtoreths[a] from among you, and prepare your hearts for the LORD, and serve Him only; and He will deliver you from the hand of the Philistines

### 1. "All In" helps us overcome indecision and its causes.

- Saul and his soldiers were sitting under a pomegranate tree stricken by fear because of the Philistines.
- *The Pomegranate Dilemma* - Doing what God is asking us to do at the risk of losing what God has given us.
- Saul is paralyzed by indecision and caused by his fear of loss.


 Who are you more like – is God your mechanism or your master?

- The fear of loss paralyzes us from the future God has and keeps us stuck in indecision at the cost of our destiny.
- **Revelation 3:16 NKJV** ... So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth.

 Don't live life in neutral, don't live life on the fence, you can't enjoy the life God has for you living in indecision, go all in!

### 2. "All In" is shaped by how we see God.

- **1 Samuel 14:6** ... Then Jonathan said to the young man who bore his armor, "Come, let us go over to the garrison of these uncircumcised; it may be that the LORD will work for us. For nothing restrains the LORD from saving by many or by few."

 Jonathan and Saul had very different views of God. How do you see God?

### 3. "All in" gives you the courage to bet on God.

- **What does the courage to bet on God look like?**
  - The trust to step out into what seems stupid
    - Jonathan's Strategy
      - **1 Samuel 14:4** ... Between the passes, by which Jonathan sought to go over to the Philistines' garrison, there was a sharp rock on one side and a sharp rock on the other side. And the name of one was Bozez, and the name of the other Seneh
    - Slippery and Thorny
  - **The devil will always position himself at the passageway.**
    - **1 Samuel 14: 8**... Then Jonathan said, "Very well, let us cross over to these men, and we will show ourselves to them. 9 If they say thus to us, 'Wait until we come to you,' then we will stand still in our place and not go up to them. 10 But if they say thus, 'Come up to us,' then we will go up. For the LORD has delivered them into our hand, and this will be a sign to us."
- *Lots of 'Seems Stupid' Strategies Produced Miraculous Results*
  - March around the walls of Jericho , Stretch forth your staff over the Red Sea , Feed this crowd of 5,000 families
- **Ability to discern God's leading./**
  - The Ephod - an instrument used to discern the will of God.
    - **1 Samuel 14:2** .. And Saul was sitting in the outskirts of Gibeah under a pomegranate tree ....
    - **1 Samuel 30:7 NKJV** ... "Please bring the ephod here to me." And Abiathar brought the ephod ...
  - The Breastplate with the 12 stones and the Urim and Thummin

 You Have A Greater Guidance System Inside You.

- **The assurance to know the help of heaven is with you.**
  - **1 Samuel 14:7 NKJV** ... "Do all that is in your heart. Go then; here I am with you, according to your heart."
  - Going in Power of the Holy Ghost
- **The trust to make yourself vulnerable.**
  - No Hands No Feet No Problem!
  - There is no victory without making yourself vulnerable before the Lord.

***What is it that God wants to do for you, and through you that He has been waiting to do?***