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New Year, New Faith

LOOKING BACK: 1 Samuel 14:1-15

God is looking for people walking in activity of faith, just like Jonathan. Jonathan had the outlandish idea to attack a Philistine post with his armor-bearer---just the two of them. Previously, in 1 Samuel Chapter 13, we see that the Israelite army was hiding from the Philistines and were quaking with fear. Jonathan did not know the outcome, but knew his God was greater than the situation and thought, “PERHAPS! Perhaps the Lord will act in our behalf.” He chose faith over fear. He stepped out in faith and stepped over fear. Faith is a choice.

1. What fear is hindering you from stepping out in faith in 2017?
Uncertainty? Fear of loss? Failure?

Jonathan and his armor-bearer were successful. Verse 15 states, “Then panic struck the whole army, those in the camp and field and those in the outposts and raiding parties and the ground shook. It was a panic sent by God.” As soon as Jonathan stepped out in faith, God stepped in.

2. How have you seen God step into situations in your life, once you have stepped out?
What do you need to step out in faith to do this year?

DIGGING DEEPER: 1 Samuel 14:22-23

The same Israelites who were hiding in the previous chapter, as a result of Jonathan stepping out in faith, are now boldly and confidently pursuing their enemy. On the other side of you stepping out in faith is someone else’s awakening of their faith.

3. Who can you influence this year with your bold and confident faith?

TAKING IT HOME:

- Faith is a choice
- When we step out, God steps in

4. What are my next steps to step out in faith for 2017?