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Samuel (Rise of the King) - Lesson 19

Jonathan's Faith and God's Victory (1 Samuel 14:1-23)

I. JONATHAN TAKES THE INITIATIVE (1 Samuel 14:1-5)

Faith Takes the First Step

- Jonathan recognized that something needed to be done.
- He moved **BEFORE** (1) he knew the outcome.
- He did not wait for ideal circumstances.

Resources Without Initiative

- Saul remained beneath the tree, surrounded by 600 soldiers.
- Saul possessed recognized authority and access to **PRIESTLY** (2) counsel.
- Jonathan moved toward the enemy accompanied by **ONE** (3) man.
- Position and resources do not guarantee spiritual initiative.

Old Failure and Unnoticed Faith

- Ahijah descended from the rejected priestly house of Eli.
- Ichabod's name meant, "The glory has **DEPARTED** (4)."
- Jonathan's departure went completely unnoticed.

The Path Favored the Enemy

- Two sharp cliffs guarded the pass.
- The Philistines occupied the **HIGHER** (5) ground.
- Jonathan would have to climb on his **HANDS** (6) and feet.
- Faith recognizes the obstacle but refuses to be ruled by the **DIFFICULTY** (7).

"The strength and sharpness of the rocks do but harden and whet his resolutions." — Matthew Henry

II. NOTHING CAN HINDER THE LORD (1 Samuel 14:6-10)

God Is Not Limited by Numbers

- Israel's weakness did not limit God.
- Philistine **STRENGTH** (8) did not intimidate God.
- Jonathan measured the enemy by God's power.
- The victory would belong to the **LORD** (9).

"Perhaps" Is Not Unbelief

- Jonathan was certain of God's power.
- He remained **HUMBLE** (10) about God's particular plan.
- Faith is confident in God without presuming upon His will.

"I Am with You Heart and Soul"

- The armor-bearer strengthened Jonathan through encouragement.
- His loyalty was proven by **ACTION** (11).
- He accepted a supporting role without seeking **RECOGNITION** (12).
- God used both men in the coming victory.

Faith Seeks Direction, Not Control

- Jonathan established a clear point of **CONFIRMATION** (13).
- He wanted God's **DIRECTION** (14) more than his own preference.
- He was ready to act when the next step became **CLEAR** (15).

"It was not Jonathan that was to work with some help from God; it was the Lord that was to work by Jonathan." — William Blaikie

III. THE LORD HAS GIVEN THEM (1 Samuel 14:11-14)

The Philistines Misread the Moment

- They assumed the Israelites were still hiding.
- They viewed Jonathan as **WEAK** (16) and insignificant.
- Their **TAUNT** (17) unknowingly confirmed Jonathan's sign.

The Sign Becomes a Summons

- The Philistines spoke the exact words Jonathan anticipated.
- "Perhaps" became confident assurance.
- Jonathan moved without further **DELAY** (18).
- He credited the coming victory to the Lord.

Faith Climbs the Rocks

- Jonathan climbed using his hands and feet.
- The terrain left him **EXPOSED** (19) and vulnerable.
- God's confirmation did not remove the difficult path.

Two Men Against Twenty

- Jonathan led while his armor-bearer completed the attack.
- Approximately **TWENTY** (20) Philistines were killed.
- God gave **VICTORY** (21) against overwhelming odds.

The Battle Is the Lord's—But Jonathan Still Fights

- Human **EFFORT** (22) became an instrument of divine power.
- God accomplished what Jonathan could never do alone.
- The small attack would ignite a **NATIONAL** (23) deliverance.

"Jonathan knew that the battle was the LORD's, yet he knew God would use him to fight." — David Guzik

IV. GOD TURNS THE BATTLE (1 Samuel 14:15-23)

God Does What Jonathan Cannot

- Panic spread throughout every division of the Philistine army.
- The ground itself began to **SHAKE** (24).
- God multiplied the effect of Jonathan's **OBEDIENCE** (25).

Saul Begins by Counting

- The watchmen saw the Philistine army collapsing.
- A count revealed that **JONATHAN** (26) was missing.
- Saul still had **NOT** (27) entered the battle.

The Moment to Act

- Saul called for priestly guidance as the noise increased.
- The Philistine **COLLAPSE** (28) became unmistakable.
- Saul interrupted the inquiry and prepared his army to move.

The Enemy Turns Inward

- God threw the Philistines into total confusion.
- Soldiers could no longer distinguish **FRIEND** (29) from enemy.
- Their superior weapons were turned against one another.

The Scattered Are Back

- Israelites with the Philistines changed sides.
- Those hiding in the hills emerged from fear.
- The **SCATTERED** (30) became a pursuing army.
- God transformed **FEAR** (31) into participation.

The Lord Saved Israel That Day

- Jonathan trusted; the armor-bearer followed; Saul eventually joined.
- Many participated, but the Lord rescued Israel.
- Nothing can hinder the Lord from saving, whether by many or by few.

"Jonathan used his heart and sword, but God did what Jonathan could not do." — David Guzik

ANSWER KEY

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| 1. BEFORE | 17. TAUNT |
| 2. PRIESTLY | 18. DELAY |
| 3. ONE | 19. EXPOSED |
| 4. DEPARTED | 20. TWENTY |
| 5. HIGHER | 21. VICTORY |
| 6. HANDS | 22. EFFORT |
| 7. DIFFICULTY | 23. NATIONAL |
| 8. STRENGTH | 24. SHAKE |
| 9. LORD | 25. OBEDIENCE |
| 10. HUMBLE | 26. JONATHAN |
| 11. ACTION | 27. NOT |
| 12. RECOGNITION | 28. COLLAPSE |
| 13. CONFIRMATION | 29. FRIEND |
| 14. DIRECTION | 30. SCATTERED |
| 15. CLEAR | 31. FEAR |
| 16. WEAK | |