



# SUNDAY EVENING

## AT BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH

**Title:** Move Forward in Faith

**Passage:** 1 Samuel 13-14

**Speaker:** Youth Pastor Trevor Hampton

**Introduction:** Have you been backing down? Maybe you've even thought about it. Israel once stood on a battlefield where the odds were so overwhelming that surrender seemed like the only reasonable option—3,000 soldiers facing an army with 30,000 chariots, 6,000 horsemen, and foot soldiers beyond number. Humanly speaking, it was impossible. And tonight, we face our own battles that feel just as lopsided. On our own, we don't have the strength to defeat the enemy, to lead our homes, to live faithfully, or to stand firm as the Christians God has called us to be. But the good news is this: we are not fighting alone. As Psalm 139 reminds us, there is nowhere we can go without God's presence, and there are no results—no victory—without Him.

### I. Ignore the Voice of Doubt

In any type of battle there is always going to be some doubt or intimidation.

The Devil loves to try and capitalize on what makes us fearful and what makes us doubt.

- A. Fear of Family
- B. Fear of Friends
- C. Fear of Finances



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**D. Fear of Failure**

Our prayers can't always be answered exactly when and how we want them to because that would make us God.

The enemy is coming for our sword too. If they can't come and take it the enemy is going to do whatever they can to weaken it. We need to sharpen our swords tonight. We need to know our Bible. We need to read it, study it, memorize it, and love it.

**II. Ignore the Voice of Disinterest**

Ignore the voice of those disinterested in what God is doing, and just serve Him anyway.

You can chase after pleasure your whole life, but the Bible says there will never be enough of it to satisfy you. Instead turn to the God of all satisfaction.

When you start backing down, it affects many other people.

**III. Ignore the Voice of Discouragement**

When things aren't going like we think they should, do we just turn back or compromise?

Now more than ever we need to move forward in faith. If you refuse to back down, God will show up.

**IV. Follow the Voice of Drive**

There is no need for us to try and over analyze the future. Let's just leave the will of God to God and let's follow after it through faith

We already know who wins the battle! The devil is a defeated foe!

Use what is in your hand, and when you let God work through you, you will see Him do great and mighty things.



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When we choose to step out by faith the disinterested become involved, the discouraged become encouraged, and the doubtful become a part of the winning side.

God will send reinforcements if you step out in faith!

**Conclusion:** Your faith can move others! If you refuse to back down, God will show up. Have you been backing down? Have you been thinking about backing down? Decide tonight that you aren't going to back down because your God will show up.



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