

Chapter 14

1 Samuel

1 Samuel 14 is Jonathan's trust in God sandwiched between (13 & 15) Saul's shortcomings and lack of trust.

14:1-5

v. 1 - "One day..."

- armor bearer

- "But he did not tell his father."

v. 2 - Saul had 600 men, yet he was sitting while Jonathan was on the move.

v. 3 - they didn't know Jonathan had gone.

v. 4-5 - going between the crags

14:6-12

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Judges 6:11-14, 36-40

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v. 11-12 - the Lord has given

14:13-19

v. 13-15 - God did.

v. 16-17 - Saul saw something was going on and his response was not to join the fight but to see who was doing it.

v. 18-19 - Bring the ark and the priest
- "Withdraw your hand."

14:20-23

v. 20-22 - *Saul joined the battle.*

- *Hebrew slaves joined the battle.*

- *The "hiders" joined the battle.*

v. 23 - *God did.*

14:24-30

v. 24-26 - *Saul's curse*

- *"Cursed be the man who eats food until it is evening and I am avenged on my enemies."*

v. 27 - *Jonathan's "eyes became bright"*

v. 28-30 - *Jonathan learns of the curse.*

- *My father made a mistake & the victory was diminished.*

14:31-35

v. 31-33 - *the effects of Saul's curse*

- *Saul's response - "You have dealt treacherously,"*

v. 33-35 - *Saul calls for animals to be*

*slaughtered for food and as a sacrifice on *the altar.*

14:36-37

v. 36 - *Saul is ready to plunder...right now...at night.*

- *the people* - "Do whatever seems good to you."

- *the priest* - "Let us draw near to God here."

v. 37 - *Saul inquired through the priest & God did not answer...that day.*

14:38-46

v. 38 - *because God did not answer on Saul's timeline, he believed there was sin*

v. 39-42 - *Saul's search for sin*

v. 43-44 - *Saul pronounces a death sentence on Jonathan*

v. 45 - *the people knew God worked through Jonathan and wouldn't let him die*

v. 46 - *both sides "went home"*

So WHAT?

1. Is God calling me to action?
2. Am I letting anything be an excuse?
3. Am I looking for the praise of men or victory through God?
4. There may be a difference between faith in word and faith in action.
5. It's not always the easy way. (Often it's not!)
6. Fear of man vs. fear of God
7. Am I more interested in being right than listening to God?