

NOTES: Reject Passivity
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1. Fathers (moms, men, and women) reject passivity.

Genesis 3:6

⁶When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.

Adam was with Eve, and he did nothing. Listen, we all struggle, wrestle, and experience the same temptations, same struggles, same issues as Adam and Eve did.

- Identify a time in your life when you gave into passivity. What happened and what did you learn?

I Samuel 13:23 – 14:14 / v. 23

13:23 Now a detachment of Philistines had gone out to the pass at Mikdash. ¹One day, Jonathan, son of Saul, said to his young armor-bearer, "Come, let's go over to the Philistine outpost on the other side." But he did not tell his father. ²Saul was staying on the outskirts of Gibeath under a pomegranate tree in Migron. With him were about six hundred men...

4 On each side of the pass that Jonathan intended to cross to reach the Philistine outpost was a cliff; one was called Bozez and the other Seneh. ⁵One cliff stood to the north toward Mikdash, the other to the south toward Geba.

⁶Jonathan said to his young armor-bearer, "Come, let's go over to the outpost of those uncircumcised men. Perhaps the LORD will act on our behalf. Nothing can hinder the LORD from saving, whether by many or by few.

⁷Do all that you have in mind," his armor-bearer said. "Go ahead; I am with you heart and soul.

⁸Jonathan said, "Come on, then; we will cross over toward them and **let them see us**. If they say to us, 'Wait there until we come to you,' we will stay where we are and not go up to them. ¹⁰But if they say, 'Come up to us,' we will climb up because that will be our sign that the LORD has given them into our hands.

¹¹So both of them showed themselves to the Philistine outpost. "Look!" said the Philistines. "The Hebrews are crawling out of the holes they were hiding in." ¹²The men of the outpost shouted to Jonathan and his armor-bearer, "Come up to us and we'll teach you a lesson." So, Jonathan said to his armor-bearer, "Climb up after me; the LORD has given them into the hand of Israel." ¹³Jonathan climbed up, using his hands and feet, with his armor-bearer right behind him. The Philistines fell before Jonathan, and his armor-bearer followed and killed behind him. ¹⁴In that first attack Jonathan and his armor-bearer killed some twenty men in an area of about half an acre.

²³So on that day the LORD saved Israel...

Three Challenges to Reject Passivity

A. Go fearfully.

Listen: You can't tell me Jonathon wasn't afraid, fearful, or scared; he is human.

- Is there anything in your life now that you know you need to go forward fearfully in? Do you need to have a difficult conversation with your (wife, teenager, adult children, coworker, or friend)? Maybe it's a difficult decision at work or at home.

B. Go and Do Hard Things.

- Over the years, I've learned that you can't spell testimony without the first four letters. No test, no testimony.
 - Think of a time in your life when you experienced a test that resulted in a huge blessing, maybe even a miracle.

C. Go Now.

- The word **come** is repeated 6 times in 14 verses.
 - What is God emphasizing with this little word?
- **Final Point:** If you wait until you're **not afraid** if you wait till it's **not too difficult**, you'll be waiting for the rest of your life. **Go now.**
 - What is God stirring in your spirit to take care of today?

Let's reject passivity by remembering Jonathan's words:

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