



Perhaps the Lord...

1 Samuel 14:6-15



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6 Then Jonathan said to the young man who was carrying his armor, "Come and let us cross over to the garrison of these uncircumcised; perhaps the LORD will work for us, for the LORD is not restrained to save by many or by few." 7 His armor bearer said to him, "Do all that is in your heart; turn yourself, and here I am with you according to your desire."



Perhaps the Lord...

- Daring faith: die hiding or die fighting?
- The only hope for this situation is God's miraculous move
- Why not put himself where God can use him?
- Why not offer himself to God completely?
 - If God does not move I can but die
 - If God does move than God will get the glory
- Desperation for God's move, His hope is on God



The Lord is Not Restrained

- Jonathan's focus is not on the Philistines' might
- Jonathan's focus is not on what he didn't have
- Jonathan's focus wasn't to blame who is in charge
- Jonathan's focus was on the greatness of his God
 - Who had been faithful in the past
 - Who had delivered Israel again and again
 - Who IS so great He can use anyone to turn the tide
 - Moses, Joshua, Caleb, Shamgar, Ehud, Samson, YOU!



The Courage of a Friend

- Fear may be catching but so is courage
- “Do all that is in your heart, I got your back”
- God’s telling you to go? Let’s go
- Blessed to stand shoulder to shoulder in God’s work
- This armor bearer didn’t even have a sword!
- Together they plan to put their lives in the Lord’s hands



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8 Then Jonathan said, "Behold, we will cross over to the men and reveal ourselves to them. 9 "If they say to us, 'Wait until we come to you'; then we will stand in our place and not go up to them. 10 "But if they say, 'Come up to us,' then we will go up, for the LORD has given them into our hands; and this shall be the sign to us."



The Plan is Terrible!

- Give up the element of surprise
- Let the enemy choose the battle ground
- A difficult and dangerous scramble up to the enemy
- To attack a fortified position tired
- One sword between them
- BUT THE PLAN HINGED ON GOD



1 Samuel 14:11-15

11 When both of them revealed themselves to the garrison of the Philistines, the Philistines said, "Behold, Hebrews are coming out of the holes where they have hidden themselves." 12 So the men of the garrison hailed Jonathan and his armor bearer and said, "Come up to us and we will tell you something." And Jonathan said to his armor bearer, "Come up after me, for the LORD has given them into the hands of Israel." 13 Then Jonathan climbed up on his hands and feet, with his armor bearer behind him; and they fell before Jonathan,



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and his armor bearer put some to death after him.
14 That first slaughter which Jonathan and his armor bearer made was about twenty men within about half a furrow in an acre of land. 15 And there was a trembling in the camp, in the field, and among all the people. Even the garrison and the raiders trembled, and the earth quaked so that it became a great trembling.



God Moves Mightily

- The Two endure the words of mockers
- God provides for them the sign they asked for
- They follow through and make the dangerous climb
- The enemy falls away before them
- God sends confusion, fearful trembling, and earthquakes
- When we trust in Him completely He is pleased
- God doesn't do what's expected, but He does what's effective