

1 Samuel 14:1,4-16,20-23

1	¹ One 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.	
2	⁴ On each side of the pass that Jonathan intended to cross to reach the Philistine outpost was a cliff;... ⁶ Jonathan said to his young armor-bearer, "Come, let's go over to the outpost of those uncircumcised men. Perhaps the Lord will act in our behalf. Nothing can hinder the Lord from saving, whether by many or by few."	
3	⁷ "Do all that you have in mind," his armor-bearer said. "Go ahead; I am with you heart and soul."	
4	⁸ Jonathan said, "Come on, then; we will cross over toward them and let them see us. ⁹ If they say to us, 'Wait there until we come to you,' we will stay where we are and not go up to them. ¹⁰ But 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."	
5	¹¹ So 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." ¹² The 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." ¹³ Jonathan 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. ¹⁴ In that first attack Jonathan and his armor-bearer killed some twenty men in an area of about half an acre.	
6	¹⁵ Then panic struck the whole army—those in the camp and field, and those in the outposts and raiding parties—and the ground shook. It was a panic sent by God. ¹⁶ Saul's lookouts at Gibeah in Benjamin saw the army melting away in all directions.	
7	²⁰ Then Saul and all his men assembled and went to the battle. They found the Philistines in total confusion, striking each other with their swords. ²¹ Those Hebrews who had previously been with the Philistines and had gone up with them to their camp went over to the Israelites who were with Saul and Jonathan. ²² When all the Israelites who had hidden in the hill country of Ephraim heard that the Philistines were on the run, they joined the battle in hot pursuit. ²³ So on that day the Lord saved Israel	

TAKEAWAY	JONATHAN'S STORY	YOUR STORY
Default Aggressive	<p>⁶ <i>Come, let's go over to the outpost...</i></p> <p><i>Perhaps the Lord will act in our behalf...</i></p>	<p>What convictions has the Lord given you that you need to switch from default passive to aggressive?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>
The God Factor	<p>⁶ <i>Nothing can hinder the Lord from saving, whether by many or by few."</i></p>	<p>Where do you need to remember the God Factor?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>
Bold Submission	<p>⁹ <i>If they say to us, 'Wait there until we come to you,' we will stay where we are and not go up to them. ¹⁰ But 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."</i></p>	<p>Where do you need to boldly submit an idea or conviction you have to the Lord?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>
Activate Another	<p>⁷ <i>"Do all that you have in mind," his armor-bearer said. "Go ahead; I am with you heart and soul."</i></p>	<p>Who around you has a conviction that you can activate?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>
Take a Vulnerable Step	<p>¹¹ <i>So both of them showed themselves to the Philistine outpost....</i></p>	<p>What is one vulnerable step God may be calling you to take? What would it look like to do this fearlessly?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>
Remember The Battle Belongs to The Lord	<p>¹⁰ <i>that will be our sign that the Lord has given them into our hands."</i></p> <p>²³ <i>So on that day the Lord saved Israel.</i></p>	<p>What story do you want your children's children to tell that you were a part of but God was the hero?</p>

A Kairos moment is at hand.

I just want to be faithful to what the Lord is doing. I share this humbly and with a healthy fear of the Lord.

On Feb 2nd, 2023, I felt called to get to Nairobi. So I took my first international flight in 4 years. On my flight, I had an incredible encounter with the LORD. So I started writing. Here is what I heard. I do not claim anything, so please ask for confirmation. Take what resonates and drop what does not.

1. A New Season Is Here.

A new season where your current ceiling will become your floor. The things you could only reach before will now be easily accessible. Like running in mud and now on dry ground. Before and after, like a day of Pentecost. This is meant to be a time of refreshing.

2. The Bamboo Tree

We must remember how the bamboo tree grows. Five years of underground, unseen growth, then when it breaks through the ground, it grows 90 feet tall in 5 weeks. Breakthrough is here.

3. Paper Walls.

Paper walls have existed in the past that held us back. Those have now been removed but we still think they are there. The visual is there, but the actual barrier has been removed. They are like a paper wall that can't actually hold us back anymore, but because of fear we don't even attempt the barrier. We must press through the paper walls. Maybe take a risk that we have tried and failed in the past. A new reality awaits us, but we have to have the courage to risk pressing through again.

When I asked who is this for? I heard the word "YES!" Like it was for many people. maybe all. I don't understand. Seemed less for a specific person and more a moment in time (or possibly a movement)

The last time I had an encounter with the Lord like this was 4 years earlier on a flight home from Bucharest. At that time, I heard numerous other words delivered to me that may be related but not sure. I will share these if you request.

Again I hold this with open hands and offer it to you as a servant of the Lord. May He receive the glory, and may His purposes prevail. Much love.

Mark

TAKE AWAYS

1. Default Aggressive

- This phrase has been coined recently by a man named Jocko Willink. Many of us are default passive.
- Jonathan was default aggressive. He didn't wait to be told what to do.
- He took a holy risk.
- Many of us are waiting for God to make it so clear to you when he calls you to something and sadly we miss what God is doing.
- Instead we must take a default aggressive posture.
- The best defense is a good offense.
- There are many jonathans in this room where God has given you a conviction on your heart.

2. He didn't forget the God factor

- They were outgunned. Outmanned. Outnumbered. Outplanned.
 - **Then the Philistines gathered thirty thousand chariots and six thousand horsemen, and people as the sand which *is* on the seashore in multitude.**
 - Against fifth generation fighters? Come on Mav, Its not about the plane. Its the pilot.
- Technologically superior weapons.
- The Philistines The enemy had the upper ground
- The enemy had better weapons.
- *Nothing can hinder the Lord from saving, whether by many or by few.*
- Rise up
- We gotta make an all out stand, I'm gonna need a right-hand man

3. Bold submission

- Jonathan had a conviction but it was risky. In fact it was out right foolish.
- The philistines had the numbers, the upper ground and the better weapons.
- He didn't just have an idea and blindly run with it. Instead he submitted his idea to the Lord.
- *If they say to us, 'Wait there until we come to you,' we will stay where we are and not go up to them. ¹⁰ But 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."*
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4. Activate Another

- a. Jonathan
- b. There are many armor bearers in this room.

5. Take A Vulnerable Step

6. The Battle is the Lords

- a. Who is the center of the story?
- b. Who gets the credit?
- c. Palm Sunday - set my face toward death and I'm not going to flinch
- d. Connect things to Easter - Isaiah 53. Looked death in the face and did not flinch.
- e.

7. Training

- a. You have been in training
- b. Some of you need to train for a day in the future
- c. Saul. Jonathan and the armory bearer had trained themselves for years on how they acted.
- d. What training. Prep.

No guaranteed outcomes. Perhaps the Lord.