

4. Get off the sidelines and join the fight

- 1 Samuel 14:2, 6-7

1 Samuel 14:16 23 ¹⁶And the watchmen of Saul in Gibeah of Benjamin looked, and behold, the multitude was dispersing here and there. ¹⁷Then Saul said to the people who were with him, "Count and see who has gone from us." And when they had counted, behold, Jonathan and his armor-bearer were not there. ¹⁸So Saul said to Ahijah, "Bring the ark of God here." For the ark of God went at that time with the people of Israel. ¹⁹Now while Saul was talking to the priest, the tumult in the camp of the Philistines increased more and more. So Saul said to the priest, "Withdraw your hand." ²⁰Then Saul and all the people who were with him rallied and went into the battle. And behold, every Philistine's sword was against his fellow, and there was very great confusion. ²¹Now the Hebrews who had been with the Philistines before that time and who had gone up with them into the camp, even they also turned to be with the Israelites who were with Saul and Jonathan. ²²Likewise, when all the men of Israel who had hidden themselves in the hill country of Ephraim heard that the Philistines were fleeing, they too followed hard after them in the battle. ²³So the LORD saved Israel that day. And the battle passed beyond Beth-aven.

Mark 16:15 "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation"

Life Group / Reflection Questions:

- In what way's is the Holy Spirit stirring your heart to respond to this weeks sermon & passage in 1 Samuel 14?
- If you were to honestly assess your life. Would you say you live more defensively or offensively? Give examples.
- When it comes to doing the will of God, would you say that you are more afraid of missing opportunities than of making mistakes? Why or why not?
- What cliffs in your life do you need to start seeing as God given opportunities to experince spiritual victory?
- Think of a time in the past when you did something daring for God. What was the outcome? How do you feel about the experience as you look back?
- What is something daring you'd like to do for God now? A Fight to join! What fears stand in the way of your doing it? What do you think God would like to say to you about those fears?

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"Breaking Free From The Cage of Fear"

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Luke 9:57-62 ~ The Cost of Following Jesus

Our fear of loss hinders us from taking steps of faith that produce
spiritual victories in our lives.

Two Ways to Live:

- **LIVE DEFENSIVELY:** Allow fear to dictate your decisions producing spiritual defeats
- **LIVE OFFENSIVELY:** Allow faith to dictate your decisions producing spiritual victories

Matthew 16:18 ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

How to break free from fear to live a life of faith?

1 Samuel 14:1-14 - Jonathan Defeats the Philistines

14 One day Jonathan the son of Saul said to the young man who carried his armor, "Come, let us go over to the Philistine garrison on the other side." But he did not tell his father. ² Saul was staying in the outskirts of Gibeah in the pomegranate cave at Migron. The people who were with him were about six hundred men, ³ including Ahijah the son of Ahitub, Ichabod's brother, son of Phinehas, son of Eli, the priest of the LORD in Shiloh, wearing an ephod. And the people did not know that Jonathan had gone. ⁴ Within the passes, by which Jonathan sought to go over to the Philistine garrison, there was a rocky crag on the one side and a rocky crag on the other side. The name of the one was Bozez, and the name of the other Seneh. ⁵ The one crag rose on the north in front of Michmash, and the other on the south in front of Geba. ⁶ Jonathan said to the young man who carried his armor, "Come, let us go over to the garrison of these uncircumcised. It may be that the LORD will work for us, for nothing can hinder the LORD from saving by many or by few." ⁷ And his armor-bearer said to him, "Do all that is in your heart. Do as you wish. Behold, I am with you heart and soul." ⁸ Then Jonathan said, "Behold, we will cross over to the men, and we will show ourselves to them. ⁹ If they say to us, 'Wait until we come to

you,' then we will stand still in our place, and we will 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 hand. And this shall be the sign to us."

1. Get a larger View of God: Our view of God must become larger than our fears

- Confront the places where your fear is larger than your view of God
 - **Isaiah 41:10**
- Take a Step of faith in the presence of fear

1 Samuel 14:11-15 ¹¹ So both of them showed themselves to the garrison of the Philistines. And the Philistines said, "Look, Hebrews are coming out of the holes where they have hidden themselves." ¹² And the men of the garrison hailed Jonathan and his armor-bearer and said, "Come up to us, and we will show you a thing." And Jonathan said to his armor-bearer, "Come up after me, for the LORD has given them into the hand of Israel." ¹³ Then Jonathan climbed up on his hands and feet, and his armor-bearer after him. And they fell before Jonathan, and his armor-bearer killed them after him. ¹⁴ And that first strike, which Jonathan and his armor-bearer made, killed about twenty men within as it were half a furrow's length in an acre of land. ¹⁵ And there was a panic in the camp, in the field, and among all the people. The garrison and even the raiders trembled, the earth quaked, and it became a very great panic.

2. Be Daring: Jesus died to make you dangerous not safe

- **Matthew 11:12, Matthew 5:14-16**
- Find a place of darkness and bring your light there

3. Recognize that your cliffs in life are God given opportunities

- **Matthew 7:13-14**
- The Hard Way is the Best Way