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# Jonathan vs the Philistines

1 Samuel 14

Please use the space below to take notes on today's message:

## Take It Homework

We encourage you to not only do these exercises on your own, but also with a group of friends, co-workers, neighbors, small group or family members.

Jonathan is about advance...about seizing the moment...about forward motion...about one day. Read 1 Samuel 13 for some background on Saul and Jonathan.

- Was there ever a time in your life when you wanted to give up because you felt something couldn't be done or accomplished?

- Has there ever been a point in your life when the impossible became possible? What was it?

Jonathan acted almost impulsively a few times over the course of his life with big results. He just seems to go unless he gets a no.

- Do you think this is a good strategy? Has it ever worked for you?

- Has there been a moment in your life when you just quit? What brought you to this point? Do you have any regrets?

Read 1 Samuel 14:1-22.

- Compare the actions of Saul and Jonathan. Whose actions showed faith and trust in God?

- Logically, what was the probable outcome of Jonathan's actions?

Jonathan brought along his armor-bearer.

- What was the armor-bearer's attitude toward Jonathan's decision?

The Philistines were invaders. Slowly, but aggressively they took over the land of God's people

- Are there areas of your life that are being invaded? What are the things that have compromised the Kingdom of God in your own life?

- There are a number of individuals and people groups mentioned in the story of Jonathan and the Philistines. Looking at your life, which do you most likely resemble?