

**Jonathan - A Courageous Heart!**  
**Matters of the Heart, Pt. 5**  
**1 Samuel 14**  
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**2 Timothy 1:7**, For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.

**1 Samuel 14:1**, 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.

**1 Samuel 14:20**, 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...

**How to Develop a Courageous Faith:**

**1. Develop a Good STRATEGY**

**1 Samuel 14:4**, 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. **5** One cliff stood to the north toward Mikdash, the other to the south toward Geba.

**Proverbs 21:5**, The plans of the diligent lead to profit as surely as haste leads to poverty.

**2. Surround Yourself With the Right PEOPLE**

**1 Samuel 14:6**, 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." **7** "Do all that you have in mind," his armor-bearer said. "Go ahead; I am with you heart and soul."

**Proverbs 13:20**, Walk with the wise and become wise, for a companion of fools suffers harm.

**3. Look for God's CONFIRMATION**

**1 Samuel 14:8**, 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."

**Proverbs 3:5**, Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean to your own understanding. **6** In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

**4. Do Not Hide Your FAITH**

**1 Samuel 14:11**, 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."

**1 Peter 3:15**, But in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you...

## 5. Choose Action Over INACTION

**1 Samuel 14:12**, ... 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.

**James 1:22**, But be doers of the word, and not hearers only...