

UNSUNG HEROES WEEK 2

JONATHAN

(Have faith in God!)

1 Samuel 14:52, NIV

All the days of Saul there was bitter war with the Philistines...

1 Samuel 13:2, NIV

Saul chose three thousand men from Israel; two thousand were with him at Mikmash and in the hill country of Bethel, and a thousand were with Jonathan at Gibeah in Benjamin.

1 Samuel 13:3, NLT

Soon after this, Jonathan attacked and defeated the garrison of Philistines at Geba. The news spread quickly among the Philistines. So Saul blew the ram's horn throughout the land, saying, "Hebrews, hear this! Rise up in revolt!"

1 Samuel 13:4, NLT

All Israel heard the news that Saul had destroyed the Philistine garrison at Geba and that the Philistines now hated the Israelites more than ever. So the entire Israelite army was summoned to join Saul at Gilgal.

1 Samuel 13:5, NIV

The Philistines assembled to fight Israel, with three thousand chariots, six thousand charioteers, and soldiers as numerous as the sand on the seashore. They went up and camped at Mikmash, east of Beth Aven.

1 Samuel 13:6, NIV

When the Israelites saw that their situation was critical and that their army was hard pressed, they hid in caves and thickets, among the rocks, and in pits and cisterns.

1 Samuel 13:7, NIV

Some Hebrews even crossed the Jordan to the land of Gad and Gilead. Saul remained at Gilgal, and all the troops with him were quaking with fear.

1 Samuel 13:11, NIV

“What have you done?” asked Samuel. Saul replied, “When I saw that the men were scattering, and that you did not come at the set time, and that the Philistines were assembling at Mikmash,

1 Samuel 13:12, NIV

I thought, ‘Now the Philistines will come down against me at Gilgal, and I have not sought the Lord’s favor.’ So I felt compelled to offer the burnt offering.”

1 Samuel 13:15, NIV

Then Samuel left Gilgal and went up to Gibeah in Benjamin, and Saul counted the men who were with him. They numbered about six hundred.

1 Samuel 13:19, NIV

Not a blacksmith could be found in the whole land of Israel, because the Philistines had said, “Otherwise the Hebrews will make swords or spears!”

1 Samuel 13:22, NIV

So on the day of the battle not a soldier with Saul and Jonathan had a sword or spear in his hand; only Saul and his son Jonathan had them.

1 Samuel 13:23, NIV

Now a detachment of Philistines had gone out to the pass at Mikmash.

1 Samuel 14:1, NIV

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 14:2, NIV

Saul was staying on the outskirts of Gibeah under a pomegranate tree in Migron. With him were about six hundred men,

1 Samuel 14:3, NIV

among whom was Ahijah, who was wearing an ephod. He was a son of Ichabod’s brother Ahitub son of Phinehas, the son of Eli, the Lord’s priest in Shiloh. No one was aware that Jonathan had left.

1 Samuel 14:4, NIV

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.

1 Samuel 14:5, NIV

One cliff stood to the north toward Mikmash, the other to the south toward Geba.

1 Samuel 14:6, NIV

Jonathan said to his young armor-bearer, "Come, let's go over to the outpost of those uncircumcised men.

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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.

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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."

1 Samuel 14:7, NIV

"Do all that you have in mind," his armor-bearer said. "Go ahead; I am with you heart and soul."

1 Samuel 14:8, NIV

Jonathan said, "Come on, then; we will cross over toward them and let them see us.

1 Samuel 14:9, NIV

If they say to us, 'Wait there until we come to you,' we will stay where we are and not go up to them.

1 Samuel 14:10, NIV

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."

1 Samuel 14:11, NIV

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.”

1 Samuel 14:12, NIV

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.”

1 Samuel 14:13, NIV

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.

1 Samuel 14:14, NIV

In that first attack Jonathan and his armor-bearer killed some twenty men in an area of about half an acre.

1 Samuel 14:15, NIV

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.

1 Samuel 14:16, NIV

Saul’s lookouts at Gibeah in Benjamin saw the army melting away in all directions.

1 Samuel 14:17, NIV

Then Saul said to the men who were with him, “Muster the forces and see who has left us.” When they did, it was Jonathan and his armor-bearer who were not there.

1 Samuel 14:20, NIV

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.

1 Samuel 14:21, NIV

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.

1 Samuel 14:22, NIV

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.

1 Samuel 14:23, NIV

So on that day the Lord saved Israel, and the battle moved on beyond Beth Aven.

JONATHAN TEACHES US:

- If we will step up in faith
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- God will step in with power