

# Courage for the fight

## Part 3!


1 SAMUEL 14 V1:32

▶ Now the day came that Jonathan, the son of Saul, said to the young man who was carrying his armour, "Come and let us cross over to the Philistines' garrison that is on the other side." But he did not tell his father.

▶ (1Sa 14:1)

▶ Then Jonathan said to the young man who was carrying his armour, "Come and let us cross over to the garrison of these uncircumcised; perhaps the LORD will work for us, for the LORD is not restrained to save by many or by few." His armour bearer said to him, "Do all that is in your heart; turn yourself, *and* here I am with you according to your desire." Then Jonathan said, "Behold, we will cross over to the men and reveal ourselves to them. "If they say to us, 'Wait until we come to you'; then we will stand in our place and not go up to them. "But if they say, 'Come up to us,' then we will go up, for the LORD has given them into our hands; and this shall be the sign to us."

▶ (1Sa 14:6-10)

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- ▶ So the men of the garrison hailed Jonathan and his armour bearer and said, "Come up to us and we will tell you something." And Jonathan said to his armour bearer, "Come up after me, for the LORD has given them into the hands of Israel." Then Jonathan climbed up on his hands and feet, with his armour bearer behind him; and they fell before Jonathan, and his armour bearer put some to death after him. That first slaughter which Jonathan and his armour bearer made was about twenty men within about half a furrow in an acre of land.
  - ▶ (1Sa 14:12-14)
  - ▶ And there was a trembling in the camp, in the field, and among all the people. Even the garrison and the raiders trembled, and the earth quaked so that it became a great trembling.
  - ▶ (1Sa 14:15)

# Courage impacts the doubters

- ▶ Now the Hebrews *who were with the Philistines previously*, who went up with them all around in the camp, even they also *turned* to be with the Israelites who were with Saul and Jonathan. When all the men of Israel who had hidden themselves in the hill country of Ephraim heard that the Philistines had fled, even they also pursued them closely in the battle. So the LORD delivered Israel that day, and the battle spread beyond Beth-aven.
- ▶ (1Sa 14:21-23)

# Moving in courage

- ▶ **Courage-** because we know who is on our side.
- ▶ **Faith = Risk**
- ▶ **Approach life like a child – you will fall over sometimes**
- ▶ **Magnify God = make him appear bigger in our situation**

# Jesus is the one who overcomes – so He exhorts us to take courage

- ▶ ""These things I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world."
- ▶ (John 16:33)

# Take courage

- ▶ (Psa 27:14) Wait for the LORD; Be strong and let your heart take courage; Yes, wait for the LORD.
- ▶ (Psa 31:24) Be strong and let your heart take courage, All you who hope in the LORD.
- ▶ (Isa 35:4) Say to those with anxious heart, "Take courage, fear not. Behold, your God will come *with* vengeance; The recompense of God will come, But He will save you."
- ▶ (Dan 10:19) He said, "O man of high esteem, do not be afraid. Peace be with you; take courage and be courageous!" Now as soon as he spoke to me, I received strength and said, "May my lord speak, for you have strengthened me."
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- ▶ (Hag 2:4) 'But now take courage, Zerubbabel,' declares the LORD, 'take courage also, Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and **all** you people of the land take courage,' declares the LORD, 'and work; for I am with you,' declares the LORD of hosts.
- ▶ (Mat 9:2) And they brought to Him a paralytic lying on a bed. Seeing their faith, Jesus said to the paralytic, "Take courage, son; your sins are forgiven."
- ▶ (Mat 9:22) But Jesus turning and seeing her said, "Daughter, take courage; your faith has made you well." At once the woman was made well.
- ▶ (Mat 14:27) But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid."



