

Message Notes

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The Search for Significance #6

“Saul and Jonathan”

1 Samuel 14

Review: Saul’s Double Disobedience.

Result: *Samuel said to Saul, ‘you have rejected the word of the LORD, and the LORD has rejected you from being king over Israel’*
1 Samuel 15:26 (NKJV)

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow his precepts have good understanding.
Psalm 111:10 (NIV)

The Tragedy: The reason for Saul’s life-long lack of wisdom is that he was never able to put God and others ahead of himself. In Saul’s mind obeying and trusting God 100% was just _____.

“Whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will save it.”
Matthew 16:25 (NIV)

Jonathan: A Study In _____.

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 14:6 (NIV)

A.) Jonathan _____.

“Do all that you have in mind,” his armor-bearer said. “Go ahead; I am with you heart and soul.”
1 Samuel 14:7 (NIV)

Point: When I begin to think well, I realize that my pursuit of personal _____ is not just a mistake, it is sinful.

For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there.
James 3:16 (NKJV)

Contrast: Saul on the other hand is very concerned with _____.

Then Saul said to Samuel, “I have sinned. I violated the LORD’s command and your instructions. I was afraid of the men and so I gave in to them.”
1 Samuel 15:24 (NIV)

Rate Yourself: 0 _____ 5 _____ 10 (0=think success; 10= think significance)

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B.) Jonathan _____.

“The LORD can win a victory with a few men as well as with many”
1 Samuel 14:6 (GWT)

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.
1 Samuel 14:13-14 (NIV)

Contrast: Saul on the other hand is reluctant to take the risk of trusting God even when he was given _____ instructions to wait for Samuel to arrive:

Saul replied, “I saw the troops were scattering. You didn’t come when you said you would, and the Philistines were assembling at Michmash. So I thought, ‘Now, the Philistines will come against me at Gilgal... I felt pressured into sacrificing the burnt offering.’”
1 Samuel 13:11-12 (GWT)

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C.) Jonathan has an _____.

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 14:15 (NIV)

“...the tumult in the Philistine camp increased more and more... 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 14:19-20 (NIV)

Now the Israelites were in distress that day, because Saul had bound the people under an oath, saying, “Cursed be anyone who eats food before evening comes, before I have avenged myself on my enemies!” So none of the troops tasted food.
1 Samuel 14:24 (NIV)

“I indeed tasted a little honey with the end of my staff. I am ready to die.”
1 Samuel 14:43 (literal translation)

Point: As our eternal focus grows, our fear of _____ will decrease.

Contrast: Saul:

Rate Yourself: 0 _____ 5 _____ 10 (Focus - 0=worldly; 10=eternal)

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Closing:

