

# *Mt. Lebanon Church*

Adult Sunday School Lesson

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Please look up and read all verses in their entirety. I have only written partial verses.

Make your own notes, write down other scriptures that you run across while studying, write down questions that you may have or comments as well. Allow the Holy Spirit to reveal to you what he would have you to see through the study of God's word.

Jonathan Attacks The Philistine Outpost

## 1 Samuel 14: 1 – 13

In our life in Christ, even though, at times we may feel defeated, depressed, and discouraged, we must continue to make the choice to search for, and to serve an almighty God. When we begin to understand and realize that God does not dwell in these worldly, emotional feelings, it is then that we will begin to make the necessary changes in our life that we need to make so that we may become well pleasing unto God. This means that we cannot remain in a worldly state of mind and still go where God wants us to go. We must be willing to go where God is working. Although this may seem difficult at times, we do not have to do it alone. There is no denying that in our life we will face enormous challenges, but we serve a God who can do what we think to be the impossible to do. We must not strive just to simply escape the sinfulness of the world around us, but to be victorious over it, to accomplish the impossible, and to desire a life of spiritual excellence, and success. One of the greatest mistakes that we can make in our life, is not the mistake of falling short of the mark that Christ has set for us, but it is the mistake that we make to give up striving to reach that mark. We were created by God, to strive toward the mark of his calling.

**Philippians 3: 13 – 14**,....brethren, I count myself to have apprehended, but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Jesus Christ.....

In order, to reach our goal, we must stay focused upon that goal. We must not give up, we must not look back, we must always take the Lord with us, because no matter what we try to do in life we need the Lord.

**Matthew 6: 33**,....but seek ye first the kingdom of God....

**1 Samuel 14: 1**,....it came to pass upon a day, that Jonathan....said....come and let us go over to the Philistine garrison, that is on the other side....

We start out in this week's lesson by understanding how important it is to make the choice to search for God. Change begins in our life when we realize the truth about where God dwells. We can not go with God and remain in the world at the same time. As we show others our willingness to go, we will begin to see God working on our behalf.

**Psalms 121: 1 – 2**,....I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth....

The word of God not only reminds us, where our help comes from, but it also gives unto us the confidence to remain steadfast in the Lord through all the trying times in our lives. As believers, we have the spirit of God living forever in our hearts, and therefore, by his sacrifice, we have access into the throne room of God. With this we know that our strength, our help, our provision and protection come's from the Lord, and he will never leave us or forsake us.

**1 Samuel 14: 2 – 3,....**and Saul tarried in the uttermost part of Gibeah under a pomegranate tree....and the people knew not that Jonathan was gone....

Decision making is something that we as believers must do daily in our life. Some choose to just settle for their existence in this world, and therefore live out their life in worldly fear, while others choose to be Christ like, and to move forward in their Christian life, conquering those worldly fears and maturing in the power of God. There are times in our lives that we must leave what we feel to be our comfort zone in the Lord. We must choose to take the initiative that God has set before us, even though we may not have all the details of how God is going to work in our lives, but we trust in him, and have faith, that he will come through for us, and that he is going to meet our needs.

**Philippians 4: 13,....**I can do all things through Christ Jesus who strengthens me....

No matter what difficult circumstances may come up against us, we should always remain in the joy of the Lord. True continment is only gained by abiding in Christ. Therefore we must not get discouraged, for we know that the indwelling Holy Spirit, provides for us the strength, and the wisdom that we need in every situation in our life. It is not by our own strength, or our own power, or wisdom, that we can do all things, but it comes through Christ, made possible by the crucifixion and resurrection.

**1 Samuel 14: 4 – 8,....**Jonathan said....come let us go over unto the garrison....there is no restraint to the Lord to save by many or by few....do all that is in thine heart....behold I am with thee according to thy heart....we will discover ourselves unto them....if they say this, come up unto us, then we will go up, for the Lord hath delivered them into our hand....

As we mature spiritually, we learn to put our trust in our own spiritual inner guidance. Trusting in this spiritual guidance is always the best pathway to take, even if others might disagree. The world tells us, that as we follow this pathway of trust, our faith and our thoughts will become one in the same, in the Lord. Faith will always choose to follow Gods will, wherever he may lead us, and then trust in him for the results when we get there. Faith must be more than words, faith must be works as well. As we truly come to believe in the cross and the resurrection, we will confess him as Lord, and we will follow him anywhere.

**James 2: 14 – 26,....**a man may say, thou hast faith, and I have works, shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works....

As our love in God grows, so does our obedience to God grow as well. Through obedience to God's word, comes great faith. Great faith means producing good works, and good works means loving thy neighbor as thyself. Christians who truly believe, and trust in God, will act upon that which they believe in. We will show others what we believe, by the good works that we do. We are saved by faith, and this saving faith will produce works as we yield to the will of God, through the leadership and guidance of the Holy Spirit.

**1 Samuel 14: 11 – 13,....**and both of them discovered themselves unto the garrison of the Philistines....and the men of the garrison answered....come up to us....and Jonathan climbed up....and his armour bearer after him, and they fell before Jonathan, and his armour bearer slew after him....

In our life as believers, we must be bold enough to climb a mountain, fight the enemy, and believe that the one true God will accomplish a mighty victory in our life. This victory comes through Christ. And even though our faith leads us to the victory, this victory comes from the Lord. As our faith grows, and we are victorious, we will encourage others to trust God as well.

**1 Timothy 4: 9 – 16**,....we both labour and suffer reproach, because we trust in a living God, who is the savior of all men....be than an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity....take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine, continue in them, for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee....

The ability to understand, teach, and live out the truth of the gospel are essential to our work as a Christian. As Christians, we must be careful about what we accept as being true. We must base our beliefs on the truth of the word of God, not on what makes us feel good emotionally. We must always compare what the world has to say, with the word of God, through the leadership and guidance of the Holy Spirit. We must never grow weary of seeking to live a Godly life based upon his word. We must live a life that we would not be ashamed of in the Lord, and one that glorifies God.

Let us pray.

If anyone has any questions, comments or would just like to discuss any of the scriptures, feel free to call, text or email me. Keep praying for each other and all the God lays upon your heart. Hope to see everyone soon. God Bless.

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