

Part 6: Take The Hill!

1 Samuel 14:1-23

1. A _____ that is bold enough

a. A fearful or comfortable culture can create gridlock.

The men of Israel saw that they were in trouble because the troops were in a difficult situation. They hid in caves, thickets, among rocks, and in holes and cisterns. ~ 1 Samuel 13:6

So on the day of battle not a sword or spear could be found in the hand of any of the troops who were with Saul and Jonathan; only Saul and his son Jonathan had weapons. ~ 1 Samuel 13:22

b. A bold vision can trigger bold action.

Jonathan said to the attendant who carried his weapons, "Come on, let's cross over to the garrison of these uncircumcised men. ~ 1 Samuel 14:6a

2. A _____ who is big enough

Perhaps the Lord will help us. Nothing can keep the Lord from saving, whether by many or by few. ~ 1 Samuel 14:6b

3. A _____ that is brash enough

a. It pushed the boundaries of conventional wisdom.

"All right," Jonathan replied, "we'll cross over to the men and then let them see us. 9 If they say, 'Wait until we reach you,' then we will stay where we are and not go up to them. 10 But if they say, 'Come on up,' then we'll go up, because the Lord has handed them over to us—that will be our sign." ~ 1 Samuel 14:8-10

b. It put them in a dangerous position.

Jonathan climbed up using his hands and feet, with his armor-bearer behind him. ~ 1 Samuel 14:13

c. It required them to execute with precision.

Jonathan cut them down, and his armor-bearer followed and finished them off. 14 In that first assault Jonathan and his armor-bearer struck down about 20 men in a half-acre field. ~ 1 Samuel 14:13-14

d. It trusted God to show up for a full and final victory.

Terror spread through the Philistine camp and the open fields to all the troops. Even the garrison and the raiding parties were terrified. The earth shook, and terror spread from God. ~ 1 Samuel 14:15

4. _____ who is brave enough

a. To inspire the team to whole-hearted action.

The men of Israel saw that they were in trouble because the troops were in a difficult situation. They hid in caves, thickets, among rocks, and in holes and cisterns. 7 Some Hebrews even crossed the Jordan to the land of Gad and Gilead. Saul, however, was still at Gilgal, and all his troops were gripped with fear. ~ 1 Samuel 13:6-7

b. To create unstoppable momentum in the organization.

Saul and all the troops with him assembled and marched to the battle, and there, the Philistines were fighting against each other in great confusion! 21 There were Hebrews from the area who had gone earlier into the camp to join the Philistines, but even they joined the Israelites who were with Saul and Jonathan. 22 When all the Israelite men who had been hiding in the hill country of Ephraim heard that the Philistines were fleeing, they also joined Saul and Jonathan in the battle. ~ 1 Samuel 14:20-22

c. To build partnerships for future victory.

When David had finished speaking with Saul, Jonathan committed himself to David, and loved him as much as he loved himself. ~ 1 Samuel 18:1

5. A strategy to _____

a. W _____

- Pray
- Prioritize
- Prepare
- People

b. I _____

- His eyes
- His heart

c. N _____

- Stop waiting for a better time