



*Embracing
God's
Divine Time*

A Study in the Life of Jonathan

Believers Service

Week 1 - "Choosing To Live"

Deuteronomy 30:15-20; 1 Samuel 14:1-23; Acts 8:1-40

The Blessing:

The life of Jonathan should inspire us to CHOOSE life today because none of us are promised tomorrow.

Choice #1

Don't get STUCK in a moment.

1 Samuel 14:1-3; Numbers 13:31-33

None of us can change the past, but we can IMPACT the future.

Choice #2

Learn to REDEEM each moment.

1 Samuel 14:6a; Psalm 34:8; Acts 16:25-34

How we VIEW GOD dramatically affects the persons we become.

Choice #3

Choose your moments WISELY.

1 Samuel 14:6b; Genesis 2:15-17; Deuteronomy 30:11-14

"We've come to see the world through still frames, when in reality life is in constant motion."

Choice #4

Our choices can unlock DIVINE moments for Kingdom ministry.

1 Samuel 14:13-14; Numbers 13:27-33;

Joshua 2:11; 6:25; 14:11-12; Acts 8:1-40

One of the most spiritual activities you will engage in today is

MAKING CHOICES.

Choice #5

Always go BEYOND the moment.

1 Samuel 14:20-23; Joshua 14:6-15; Acts 7:54-60

Life is a SUM TOTAL of what you do with the moments you are given.

Week 2 - "The Right Way to Obey"

1 Samuel 13:1-23

The Blessing:

God is looking for men and women, young and old, who will commit themselves to "doing the right THING, at the right TIME, with the right HEART."

Fact #1

Doing the right THING. God honors OBEDIENCE.

1 Samuel 13:5-13; Deuteronomy 28:1-14;

Leviticus 6:8-13; 1 Samuel 10:8; John 14:15

"If you love me, you will obey what I command." Jesus

Week 3 - "The Right Way to Obey"

1 Samuel 13:1-23 (continued from week 2)

• Hurdle #1 FEAR Factor. 1 Samuel 13:5-7

o Seek the fear of the LORD, not the fear of man.

Luke 12:4-7; Proverbs 1:7; 1 Peter 2:17

o Work with God to turn your fear to FAITH.

2 Timothy 1:6-7; Matthew 14:31; Mark 9:24;

Romans 10:17

• Hurdle #2 FELLOWSHIP Factor.

1 Samuel 13:9-10; Luke 5:1-11

o God tests our fellowship.

James 1:2-3; Psalm 139:23; 1 Peter 1:6

- A test always involves a PAINFUL DILEMMA and CHOICES. 1 Samuel 13:9-12

• Hurdle #3 BLAME GAME Factor.

1 Samuel 13:11-12; Genesis 3:11-13; John 8:1-11

Week 4 - "The Right Way to Obey"

1 Samuel 13:1-23 (continued from week 3)

Fact #2

At the right TIME. God values PATIENCE.

1 Samuel 13:5-11; Genesis 16:1-5; Isaiah 40:28-31;
Galatians 5:22-23

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law." Galatians 5:22-23

"Waiting can be the most intense and poignant of all human experiences-the experiences which, above all others, strips us of our needs, our values and ourselves." W.H. Vanstone

"God designed us to move through time with intentionality. Even waiting on God is proactive activity." Erwin McManus

Application → _____

Fact #3

With the right HEART.

God examines our MOTIVATION.

1 Samuel 13:7; 2 Samuel 6:6-11; Matthew 6:1-18;
Psalm 39:23-24

"Motives sanctify or defile an individual's action." Charles Finney

Challenge → Ask God to examine your motives for MINISTRY.
Psalm 139:23-24

Week 5 - “Overcoming Obstacles – The Obstacle of Uncertainty” 1 Samuel 14:1-14

The Blessing:

God uses obstacles to test and grow our faith as we walk with Him. Christianity is dynamic, not static and Jonathan models to us that the obstacles can teach some great LESSONS for the journey.

Obstacle #1 - FAILURE

Lesson #1

Learn to FAIL FORWARD in life.

1 Samuel 13:15; 14:1-3; Luke 5:1-11;
Matthew 16:23; Luke 22:34; Galatians 2:11

Obstacle #2 - COUNSEL

Lesson #2

Learn to seek God's godly GUIDANCE .

1 Samuel 13:23-24; Psalm 1:1-6; Proverbs 15:22-23

Obstacle #3 - UNCERTAINTY

Lesson #3

Learn to put your attention on GOD , not the UNCERTAIN circumstance.

1 Samuel 14:6-12, 12b; Exodus 4:1-17;
Numbers 13:26-33; Judges 4-5; Daniel 6:10

“If God gives the vision, He will also give the provision.”

Person	Uncertainty	Response
<i>Noah Genesis 6:9-22</i>		
<i>Abraham Genesis 12:1-5</i>		
<i>Moses Exodus 4:1-17</i>		
<i>12 spies Numbers 13:26-33</i>		
<i>Deborah Judges 4-5</i>		
<i>Gideon Judges 6:11-40</i>		
<i>Daniel Daniel 6:10-17</i>		
<i>Isaiah Isaiah 6:1-13</i>		
<i>Zachariah & Elizabeth Luke 1:5-25</i>		
<i>The Disciples Luke 8:22-25</i>		
<i>Paul Acts 14:19-20</i>		
<i>Timothy 2 Timothy 1:3-12</i>		
<i>John Revelation 1:9-11</i>		

The Blessings of Overcoming Our Obstacles

Blessing #1:

Overcoming obstacles results in further KNOWLEDGE of God.

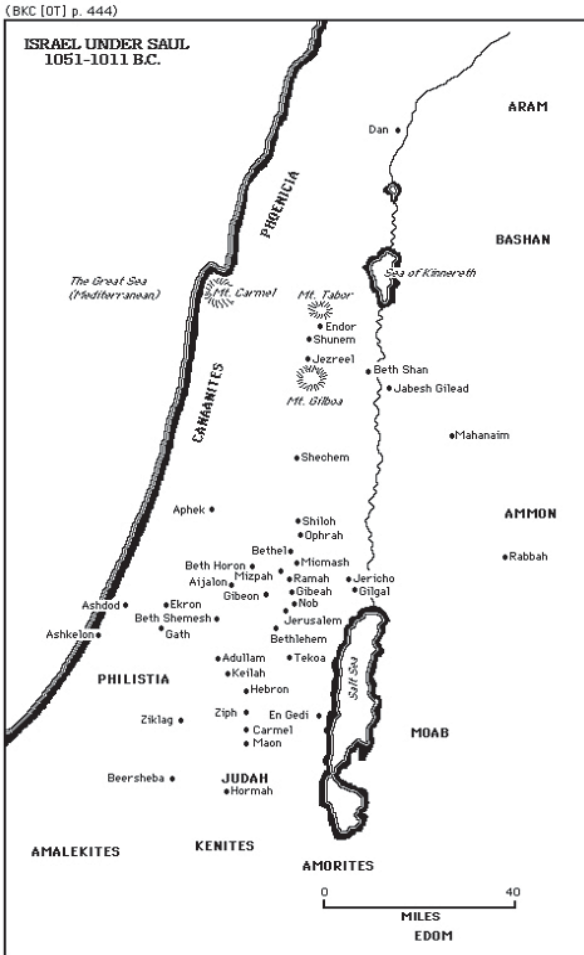
1 Samuel 14:8-12; Colossians 1:9-14; Proverbs 2:1-11

“Faith is all about character, trusting the character of God, being certain in who God is and following Him into the unknown.”

Blessing #2:

Overcoming obstacles may result in experiencing the UNCERTAIN hand of God.

1 Samuel 14:14, 23; Daniel 3; Acts 16:22-25



Week 6 - “Living A Life of Influence”

1 Samuel 14:1-48

Influence is a **POWER** affecting a person, thing, or course of events.

The Blessing

*Each one of us has the potential to influence others if we adhere to the **PATTERN** of influence found in Scripture.*

Pattern #1

Genuine influence always begins with an **INDIVIDUAL**.

1 Samuel 14:1; Genesis 12:1-3; Mark 3:16-19

Pattern # 2

Genuine influence demands personal **INTEGRITY**.

1 Samuel 14:1

Jonathan did not:

a.) Incite an **INSURRECTION**. 1 Samuel 14:1

Jonathan did:

a.) Influence through limited **AUTHORITY**.
Samuel 14:6-7

*“Authority can shape what a person **DOES**, but influence shapes what a person **BECOMES**. Influence is born out of trust and finds its strength in the connection of the heart and soul.”*

b.) Influence through limited **RESOURCES**.
1 Samuel 14:6-7

Week 7 - “Living A Life of Influence”

1 Samuel 14:1-48 (Continued from Week 6)

Pattern #3

Genuine influence is **CONTAGIOUS**.

1 Samuel 14:6-7; Acts 13, 16, 17, 18

Pattern #4

Genuine influence is FAR REACHING.

Samuel 14:15-23; 2 Timothy 2:2

Pattern #5

Genuine influence results in heartfelt LOYALTY.

1 Samuel 14:24-30, 40-45

A few reminders!

- EVERYONE influences someone.
- We never know who or HOW MUCH we influence.
- The best investment in the future is a proper influence TODAY.
- Influence is a SKILL that can be developed.

Five Levels of Influential Leadership'

Level 1: Position People follow because they have to.

Level 2: Permission People follow because they want to.

Level 3: Production People follow because of what you have done for the organization. Influential leaders motivate people to eagerly come together to accomplish a purpose.

Level 4: People development
People follow because of what you have done for them.

Level 5: Personhood People follow because of who you are and what you represent.

¹ Maxwell, John, Developing The Leader Within You, 13.

Week 8 - “Go Unless You Get a No!”

1 Samuel 14:8-14

Jonathan said, “Come, then; we will cross over toward the men and let them see us. If they say to us, ‘Wait there until we come to you,’ we will stay where we are and not go up to them. 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.” So both of them showed themselves to the Philistine outpost.”

1 Samuel 14:10-11

“Take time to deliberate; but when the time for action arrives, stop thinking and go in.” President Andrew Jackson

The Blessing

Because of the **PRINCIPLES** established in Scripture each one of us can learn to go unless God states no.

Pattern #1

You don't need a **SIGN** if you already have a **COMMAND**.

Matthew 28:16-20; Judges 6-7; Acts 1:8; Genesis 12:1-3

Pattern # 2

YES is the language of those who go unless they get a no.

Exodus 4:1-13; Matthew 25:14-30, Isaiah 6:1-11

“Many times we claim we are waiting on God, when it's just the opposite, God is waiting on us.”

What keeps us from advancing?

1. Wrestling with the **UNCERTAINTIES**? Exodus 4:1-9
2. Wrestling with **COMPETENCY**? Exodus 4:10-12
3. Wrestling with the **STATUS QUO**? Exodus 4:13

Week 9 - “Developing Lifelong Friends”

1 Samuel 18 – 20

“A man of many companions may come to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.” Proverbs 18:24

The Blessing: *Each one of us can develop lifelong friends by following the PATTERN of friendship emulated by Jonathan.*

Pattern #1

Develop lifelong friendships with **GODLY** people.
1 Samuel 18:1; 1 Corinthians 15:33

Pattern #2

Develop lifelong friendships by making lasting **COMMITMENT**.
1 Samuel 18:2-4; Philippians 2:1-4;
Matthew 22:37-40; Ruth 1:16-18

- **Attribute #1** 100% commitment to **SERVE** your friend.
John 13:1-17; 2 Timothy 4:9-13; Philippians 2:1-4
- **Attribute #2** Commitment to **DEFEND** your friend.
1 Samuel 19:1; 20:1-4, 16-17, 30-34, 41-42;
2 Timothy 4:16-18; John 18:10
- **Attribute #3** Commitment to **ENCOURAGE** your friend.
1 Samuel 23:15-18; 2 Timothy 1:16-18

Pattern #3 Lifelong friendships go the **DISTANCE**.
2 Samuel 1:25-26; John 19:38-42

**Divorcing Couple Battle
Over Kidney**



Week 10 - "Waking The Dead"

1 Samuel 14:6-14; Luke 9:28-33; Proverbs 6:6-11;
Revelation 16:15; 1 Samuel 14:8-14

The Blessing: *The life of Jonathan should _____ us to live in a manner worthy of the gospel.*

Inspiration #1 Your testimony can unleash the _____ to do God's will. 1 Samuel 14:6-14

- Unleashing _____ to _____.
Matthew 16:18; Acts 4:36
- Unleashing obedience to God's _____.
1 Samuel 7:1-17; Romans 12:1-2
- Unleashing faithfulness in _____ things.
Matthew 25:14-30

- Unleashing _____ for God is at work and invites you to join Him.

Philippians 2:12-14

Inspiration #2 Your testimony can ignite the _____.

1 Samuel 14:15-20; Matthew 25:14-30

- Igniting _____ to the _____.
Jonah 1-4; Exodus 3:1 - 4:17;
2 Timothy 1:3-12

- _____ personal involvement verses _____ involvement. James 4:17

Inspiration #3 Your testimony can reclaim the _____.

1 Samuel 14:21-23; 2 Timothy 4:9-11

- From _____ to _____.
2 Timothy 1:3-12; 2 Timothy 4:9-11

Join us next Wednesday for:

January 28

Pastor Mark Gold

*"Worth Dying For!
The Non-Negotiables"*

Sunday Morning Sermon Schedule:

January 25

Pastor Keith Missel

"Living the Dash"

February 1

Pastor Thomas Gold

"Living Passionately"

February 8

Pastor Keith Missel

"Love Completely"



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