

Series graphic w/email

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- **Saul: lost dynasty**
- **Jonathan: different; transition to David**
 - Faith

Ski pics

Roller Coaster pics

Psalm 16:11

You reveal the path of life to me; **in Your presence** is abundant joy; at Your right hand are eternal pleasures.

1 Peter 3:18

For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, that He might **bring you to God**.

Hebrews 11:1,6 (NLT)

Faith shows the reality of what we hope for; it is the evidence of things we cannot see ... And it is impossible to please God without **faith**. Anyone who wants to **come to Him** must believe that God exists and that He rewards those who sincerely **seek Him**.

2 Corinthians 5:7

For we walk by **faith**, not by sight.

James 2:19

You say you have **faith**, for you believe that there is one God. Good for you! **Even the demons** believe this, and they tremble in terror.

Am I walking by faith ... ?

IMAGE of CAR GPS System

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I Samuel 13:16-23

- Philistine raiding parties
- No blacksmith in Israel

I Sameul 13:22-23; 14:1

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.

Now a Philistine garrison took control of **the pass at Michmash**. That same day Saul's son **Jonathan** said to the attendant who carried his weapons, "**Come on**, let's cross over to the Philistine garrison on the other side." However, he did not tell his father.

Leviticus 26:7-8

In fact, you will chase down your enemies and slaughter them with your swords. Five of you will chase a hundred, and a hundred of you will chase ten thousand! All your enemies will fall beneath your sword.

I Samuel 14:2-3

Saul was **staying** under the pomegranate tree in Migron on the outskirts of Gibeah. The troops with him numbered about six hundred. **Ahijah**, who was wearing an ephod, was also there. He was the son of Ahitub, the brother of Ichabod son of Phinehas, **son of Eli** the Lord's priest at Shiloh. But the troops did not know that Jonathan had left.

I Samuel 14:4, 6

There were sharp columns of rock on both sides of the pass that Jonathan intended to cross to reach the Philistine garrison ... Jonathan said to the attendant who carried his weapons, "Come on, let's cross over to the garrison of these uncircumcised men. **Perhaps** the Lord will help us. Nothing can keep the Lord from saving, whether by many or by few."

1) Walking by faith is believing God **enough to go.**

(one slide)

S.T.E.P.

- Situation
- Trust a promise
- Empower an action/a step
- Praise or Pardon

Faith that does not move you or change you is not faith.

2) Walking by faith is trusting God **enough to risk.**

Faith can put us in hard places.

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Faith does not guarantee a result or outcome.

The walk of faith pleases Him and the prize of faith is more of Him.

2 Corinthians 4:17

For our momentary light affliction is **producing for us** an absolutely **incomparable** eternal weight of glory.

1 Samuel 14:7-10

His **armor-bearer** responded, “Do what is in your heart. Go ahead! I’m completely with you.” “All right,” Jonathan replied, “we’ll cross over to the men and then let them see us. **If** they say, ‘Wait until we reach you,’ then we will stay where we are and not go up to them. **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.”

Walking by Faith often needs encouragement and confirmation.

3) Walking by faith is fearing God **enough to wait.**

Walking by Faith is not –

- **Following your heart**
- **Waiting for perfect peace**

1 Samuel 14:12-15

“Follow me,” Jonathan told his armor-bearer, “**for the Lord** has handed them over to Israel.” Jonathan climbed up using his hands and feet, with his armor-bearer behind him. Jonathan cut them down, and his armor-bearer followed and finished them off. In that first assault Jonathan and his armor-bearer struck down about twenty men in a half-acre field. 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.**

{come up one at a time}

Walking by Faith:

- **Focus: God (not circumstances)**
- **Ambition: the good of others and the glory of God**
- **More than I can handle**

- Inexplicable → creates a question

I Samuel 14:18-19, 23

Saul told Ahijah, “Bring **the ark of God**,” for it was with the Israelites at that time. While Saul spoke to the priest, the panic in the Philistine camp increased in intensity. So Saul said to the priest, “Stop what you’re doing.” ... So **the Lord** saved Israel that day.

The battle extended beyond Beth-aven, and the men of Israel were worn out that day, for Saul had placed the troops **under an oath**: “The man who eats food before evening, **before I have taken vengeance on my enemies** is cursed.” So none of the troops tasted any food ...

I Samuel 14:29-30

Jonathan replied, “My father has brought **trouble** to the land. Just look at how I have renewed energy because I tasted a little of this honey. How much better if the troops had eaten freely today from the plunder they took from their enemies! Then the slaughter of the Philistines would have been **much greater.**”

4) Walking by faith is loving God enough to persevere, persist, and endure.

Obstacles to Faith:

- Religion: what we think we must DO vs. what God has DONE and is DOING
- Rashness: impulse of the flesh

God/Christ + _____ = Everything

I Samuel 14:47-48

- *God doesn't answer Saul in prayer*
- *The troops keep Saul from killing Jonathan*

When Saul assumed the kingship over Israel, he **fought** against all his enemies in every direction: against Moab, the Ammonites, Edom, the kings of Zobah, and the Philistines.

Wherever he turned, he caused havoc. He fought **bravely**, defeated the Amalekites, and **rescued** Israel from those who plundered them.

Saul is a “winner” militarily, but he does not walk by faith. → What pleases God?

Hebrews 11:6

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