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FOLLOWING JONATHAN

refusing to be numbered with the fearful



Pulling a Ludy!

Pulling a Jonathan!

The Backdrop to the Story

Then the Philistines gathered together to fight with Israel, thirty thousand chariots and six thousand horsemen, and people as the sand which is on the seashore in multitude. And they came up and encamped in Michmash, to the east of Beth Aven. When the men of Israel saw that they were in danger (for the people were distressed), then the people hid in caves, in thickets, in rocks, in holes, and in pits. And some of the Hebrews crossed over the Jordan to the land of Gad and Gilead. As for Saul, he was still in Gilgal, and all the people followed him trembling.

1 Samuel 13:5-7

The Signs of Imminent Defeat

So it came about, on the day of battle, that there was neither sword nor spear found in the hand of any of the people who were with Saul and Jonathan. But they were found with Saul and Jonathan his son. And the garrison of the Philistines went out to the pass of Michmash.

1 Samuel 13:22-23

One Man Steps Out of the 600

Refusing to be numbered with the fearful

Now it happened one day that Jonathan the son of Saul said to the young man who bore his armor, "Come, let us go over to the Philistines' garrison that is on the other side." But he did not tell his father. And Saul was sitting in the outskirts of Gibeah under a pomegranate tree which is in Migron. The people who were with him were about six hundred men . . . but the people did not know that Jonathan had gone. Between the passes, by which Jonathan sought to go over to the Philistines' garrison, there was a sharp rock on one side and a sharp rock on the other side. And the name of one was Bozez, and the name of the other Seneh. The front of one faced northward opposite Michmash, and the other southward opposite Gibeah. Then Jonathan said to the young man who bore his armor, "Come, let us go over to the garrison of these uncircumcised; it may be that the LORD will work for us. For nothing restrains the LORD from saving by many or by few."

1 Samuel 14:1-6

Who is This Man, Willing to Follow the Fool?

So his armor bearer said to him, "Do all that is in your heart. Go then; here I am with you, according to your heart."

1 Samuel 14:7

Pulling a Jonathan

Then Jonathan said, "Very well, let us cross over to these men, and we will show ourselves to them. "If they say thus to us, 'Wait until we come to you,' then we will stand still in our place and not go up to them. But if they say thus, 'Come up to us,' then we will go up. For the LORD has delivered them into our hand, and this will be a sign to us." So both of them showed themselves to the garrison of the Philistines. And the Philistines said, "Look, the Hebrews are coming out of the holes where they have hidden." Then the men of the garrison called to Jonathan and his armor bearer, and said, "Come up to us, and we will show you something." Jonathan said to his armor bearer, "Come up after me, for the LORD has delivered them into the hand of Israel."

1 Samuel 14:8-12

Pulling an Armor-Bearer

And Jonathan climbed up on his hands and knees with his armor bearer after him; and they fell before Jonathan. And as he came after him, his armor bearer killed them. That

first slaughter which Jonathan and his armor bearer made was about twenty men within about half an acre of land.

1 Samuel 14:13-14

The Earthquake

And there was trembling in the camp, in the field, and among all the people. The garrison and the raiders also trembled; and the earth quaked, so that it was a very great trembling.

1 Samuel 14:15

Where are You During the Roll Call?

Now the watchmen of Saul in Gibeah of Benjamin looked, and there was the multitude, melting away; and they went here and there. Then Saul said to the people who were with him, "Now call the roll and see who has gone from us." And when they had called the roll, surprisingly, Jonathan and his armor bearer were not there . . . So the LORD saved Israel that day, and the battle shifted to Beth Aven.

1 Samuel 14:16-17, 23

Five Elements of Pulling a Jonathan

1. To refuse to be numbered amongst the fearful
2. To be actively doing the work of faith
3. To smile at the impossible odds
4. To audaciously plot to defy the enemy
5. To head out in search of the earthquake

The Two Sharp Rocks

1. **Bozez** - Surpassing white, glistening white
2. **Senh** - a bramble, a thorny bush

The Two Sharp Rocks in Our Lives

1. **Bozez** - A desire for the glory of God but wholly unable to produce it in one's own strength
2. **Seneh** - Caught in an impossible circumstance, unable to get out

Choosing the Path of Jonathan

It's the way of audacious faith

- The Narnian Ravine
- The Trip up to Moriah
- The Red Sea
- The Cross

Your way was in the Sea
Your path in the great waters
And your footsteps were not known
You led your people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron

Psalm 77:19-20