

Jonathan – Saul’s Successful Son

1 Samuel 14:1–4

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Saul, Son of Kish

- ▶ Saul married Ahinoam, daughter of Ahimaaz, with whom he had four sons (**Jonathan**, Abinadab, Malchishua and Ish-bosheth) and two daughters (Merab and Michal). (1 Samuel 14:51; 2 Samuel 2:8; 1 Chronicles 8:33)
- ▶ Saul also had a concubine named Rizpah, daughter of Aiah, who bore him two sons, Armoni and Mephibosheth. (2 Samuel 21:8)

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- ▶ Saul died at the Battle of Mount Gilboa (1 Samuel 31:3–6; 1 Chronicles 10:3–6), and was buried in Zelah, in the region of Benjamin (2 Samuel 21:14).
- ▶ Three of Saul’s sons – Jonathan, Abinadab, and Malchishua – died with him at Mount Gilboa (1 Samuel 31:2; 1 Chronicles 10:2).
- ▶ Ish-bosheth became king of Israel, at the age of forty.
 - Ish-bosheth reigned for two years and was killed by two of his own captains (2 Samuel 4:5).

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- ▶ The only male descendant of Saul to survive was Mephibosheth, Jonathan’s lame son (2 Samuel 4:4), who was five years old at the time of his father’s and grandfather’s deaths.
- ▶ In time, he came under the protection of David (2 Samuel 9:7–13).

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- ▶ **His Objective.** (1 Samuel 14:1).
 - The rest of the people were “*waiting at the edge of Gibeah.*”
- ▶ **Our Objectives.** cf. (Matthew 28:19–20; Mark 16:15; Colossians 1:23).

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- ▶ **His Obstacles.** 1 Samuel 14:4–5, “*Jonathan went up on his hands and on his feet*” (14:13).
- ▶ **Apostles’ Obstacles.** Acts 4–5; 14; 16; 2 Corinthians 11:23–29
- ▶ **Our Obstacles.**
 - Family and friends. Matthew 10:34–36
 - Discouragements. 1 Samuel 13:5–7; 14:21

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- ▶ **His Optimism.** (1 Samuel 14:6–7)
- ▶ **Our Optimism.** Philippians 4:13, *“I can do all things in him that strengtheneth me.”*

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- ▶ **His Observation.** 1 Samuel 14:8–12, *“for Jehovah hath delivered them into the hand of Israel!”*
 - When we depend upon our own abilities and resources to fight our battles and we forget about God, we’re going to find ourselves severely lacking. cf. David (1 Samuel 17)
- ▶ **Our Observation.** John 4:35, *“Say not ye, There are yet four months, and (then) cometh the harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields, that they are white already unto harvest.”*

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- ▶ **His Outcome.** (1 Samuel 14:13–14).
 - The Philistines were afraid. 1 Samuel 14:16, 19, 20
 - The Israelites were encouraged. 1 Samuel 14:21–22
- ▶ **Our Outcome.**
 - Victory over our foes. Taking up the whole armor of God we will *“be able to withstand in the evil day”* (Ephesians 6:13). Yes, *“we are more than conquerors through him who loved us”* (Romans 8:37).

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- ▶ In lamenting the death of Jonathan, David said, *“How are the mighty fallen in the midst of the battle!”* (2 Samuel 1:25).
- ▶ By imitating his good example we too can be successful soldiers in the Lord’s army. *“Jonathan the son of Saul said unto the young man that bare his armor, Come, and let us go over to the Philistines’ garrison, that is on yonder side”* (1 Samuel 14:1)

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