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“God-Inspired Confidence”

“We are all faced with a series of great opportunities brilliantly disguised as impossible situations.”

Chuck Swindoll

Confidence Sees Opportunity: Opens Eyes!

1 Samuel 14:1 NLT

¹ **One day** Jonathan said to his armour bearer, **“Come on, let’s go over** to where the Philistines have their outpost.” But Jonathan did not tell his father what he was doing.

Fear Blinds us to God's Potential

¹ 1 Samuel 14:2-3 NLT

² Meanwhile, Saul and his 600 men were camped on the outskirts of Gibeah, around the pomegranate tree at Migron.

³ Among Saul's men was Ahijah the priest, who was wearing the ephod, the priestly vest...

... No one realized that Jonathan had left the Israelite camp.

Faith Finds a Way Through

1 Samuel 14:4,6 NLT

⁴ To reach the Philistine outpost, Jonathan had to go down **between two rocky cliffs** that were called **Bozez** and **Senneh**.

⁶ “Let’s go across to the outpost of those pagans,” Jonathan said to his armour bearer. “Perhaps the Lord will help us, for **nothing can hinder the Lord**. He can win a battle whether he has many warriors or only a few!”

Unity Enables a Way to Succeed

1 Samuel 14:7 ESV

⁷ And his armour-bearer said to him, “Do all that is in your heart. Do as you wish. Behold, I am with you heart and soul.”

“Jesus works on us in all sorts of ways; but above all, he works on us through each other.”

C.S. Lewis

What Happens in God's Set Time?

1 Peter 5:6-9a ESV

⁶ Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that **at the proper time** he may **exalt you**, ⁷ casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. ⁸ **Be sober-minded; be watchful.** Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. ⁹ Resist him, standing firm in the faith,...

God's Timing – Supernatural Intervention

1 Samuel 14:12-15 NLT

¹²...“Come on, climb right behind me,” Jonathan said...

“for the LORD will help us defeat them!”

¹³ So they climbed up using both hands and feet...

¹⁴ They killed some twenty men in all...¹⁵ Suddenly, panic broke out in the Philistine army... then an earthquake struck and everyone was terrified.

God's Timing Brings Supernatural Outcomes

1 Samuel 14:18-20 NLT

¹⁸ Then Saul shouted to Ahijah, “Bring the ephod here!” ...

¹⁹ But while Saul was talking to the priest, the confusion in the Philistine camp grew louder and louder. So Saul said to the priest, “Never mind; let's get going!” ²⁰ Then Saul and all his men rushed out to the battle and found the Philistines killing each other.

Heb. 13:6 ...we can say with **confidence**, “The Lord is my helper, so I will have no fear. What can mere people do to me?”

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