"God-Inspired Confidence"





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

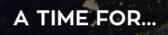
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Confidence Sees Opportunity: Opens Eyes!

1 Samuel 14:1 NLT

¹One 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 Samuel14:2-3 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 Samuel14:4,6 NLT

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

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,...

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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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