

GODLY CONFIDENCE

I Samuel 14:1-23

**Jonathan had a great up-look when the outlook was grim.
- Let's look and learn from him about trusting God.**

I. A CONFIDENT ATTITUDE (1-5)

A. ISRAEL'S SITUATION - Review I Samuel 13

- Things look bleak!

1. No optimism (4-5)
2. No bravery (13:6-7)
3. No blessing (13:8-12)
4. No dynasty (13:13-14)
5. No army (13:15)
6. No resistance (13:16-18)
7. No weapons (13:19-22)
8. No hope (13:23)

B. JONATHAN'S DETERMINATION

- He refuses to dwell on the bleakness!

1. Focused on a mission (1)
2. Survey the situation (4-5)
3. No despair or resignation
4. Rising to the challenge

II. A CONFIDENT FAITH (6-14)

- Jonathan's understanding of God was probably influenced by Samuel

A. WILLING TO "GO-IT-ALONE" (6-7)

B. WILLING TO PUT GOD TO THE TEST (6b)

C. WILLING TO TRUST GOD'S POWER (6c)

D. WILLING TO SEEK GOD'S WILL (8-12)

E. WILLING TO PUT FEET TO FAITH (13-14)

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III. A CONFIDENT INFLUENCE (15-23)

- Jonathan's godly confidence was contagious!

A. THE ARMOR-BEARER'S ENLISTMENT (1-7)

B. GOD'S INVOLVEMENT (15, 23)

C. ISRAEL'S INSPIRATION (16-22)

1. The hapless become hopeful
2. They see something happening (16)
3. They get involved (20-22)

IV. A CONFIDENCE QUIZ

A. Do we let the pagan majority discourage us? (2)

- What about a confident attitude?

B. Do we really believe there are no limits on God? (6b)

C. How are we demonstrating faith in God? (6-14)

- What actions have you undertaken?

D. Whose faith do you and I inspire? (16-22)

E. Who gets the credit for victories? (23)

CONCLUSION:

Will we be confident or cowardly in our responses to God this week?

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