

HOW TO FOLLOW
A FAULTY LEADER
II Samuel 14:24-46

**Jonathan's situation provides us with stunning
principles for following a faulty leader.**

I. CONSIDER THE LEADER'S FAULTS

- This is the easy part ...

- A. HE IS UNWISE (24-29)
 - Distress, selfishness, burdens and intimidation
- B. HE IS INEFFECTIVE (30)
- C. HE IS IRRESPONSIBLE (31-32)
 - An accessory to the people's sin.
- D. HE IS HYPOCRITICAL (33)
- E. HE IS PRAGMATIC (34-35)
 - Whatever works is good
- F. HE IS IMPATIENT (36-39)
 - Anxious about the army as well as an answer from God.
- G. HE IS INTOLERANT (40-44)
 - 1. Making demands of God (41)
 - 2. Condemning his son to death (42-44)

SUMMARY: Saul is a certified fool!

- How can you follow a person like this?

II. CONSIDER THE FOLLOWER'S RESPONSES

- The hard part!

- A. COMPLIANCE
 - 1. A Disciplined Attitude (24)
 - 2. A Humble Acquiescence (34)
 - 3. A Passive Acceptance (36, 40)

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B. EVALUATION (29-30)

1. The leader troubles the land (29)
2. The leader's plans are flawed (30)

C. ADVICE (36b)

D. SILENCE (39)

E. SUBMISSION (43)

1. The Confession: I tasted the honey.
2. The Conclusion: I must die!
3. The Character: Yielding to a sinful leader!
4. The Conduct: God encourages submission
 - See I Peter 2:13-3:2

F. OBJECTION (45)

1. Reasoning: Shall Jonathan die?
2. Resolve: Certainly not!
 - An "irrevocable injustice" calls for confrontation.
 - They do not threaten Saul but do commit to Jonathan (there is no violence here)
3. Rescue: The people rescued Jonathan

III. **CONSIDER OUR RESPONSIBILITY**

- The wise part!

A. WHO ARE SOME FAULTY LEADERS?

1. Your husband or father?
2. Your pastor or church leaders?
3. Your supervisor or employer?
4. Your president or politicians?

B. HOW ARE WE TO FOLLOW?

1. Comply whenever possible.
2. Share your evaluations when you can.
3. Provide advice if the opportunity is available.
4. Be silent and accept that often nothing will change.
5. Submit even when it is hard and/or costly.
6. Stand up for those whose lives are threatened.

CONCLUSION: Jonathan provides an excellent model for how to follow faulty leadership.

- May God give us grace and wisdom for doing the same.

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