

**EASTRIDGE MEN’S ONLINE BIBLE STUDY**

**May 20, 2020**

**Week Eight: “Forward!”**

**1 Samuel 14:1-23**

**TEACHING NOTES**

**Psalm 18:29 (NIV) –** *“With your help, I can advance against a troop; with my God I can scale a wall.”*

**Background/Context**

* Saul acted foolishly out of fear and disobeyed God’s clear command
* The people of God were hiding in caves from the enemy
* They had no weapons

**1. Jonathan’s Audacity (1 Sam. 14:1,4-6)**

* “Come, let us go…”
* Bold faith looks to advance against the enemy
* *Bozez =* “shiny” or “slippery”
* *Seneh* = “thorny” or “bramble bush”

**2. Jonathan’s Secrecy (1 Sam. 14:1,3)**

* Be careful who you tell what is in your heart
* A man with bold faith in God, never makes a big deal about his actions

**3. Saul’s Inactivity (1 Sam. 14:2-3)**

* “Staying”
* Faith has a price, but so does fear – which price will you pay?
* Be careful with who you surround yourself with

**4. Jonathan’s Confidence Without Certainty (1 Sam. 14:6)**

* “May be” or “perhaps”
* Faith in God allows us to dream of the possibilities even in the midst of uncertainties
* Faith in God allows us to move forward with confidence in God, trusting Him with the results

**5. The Armor Bearer’s Loyalty (1 Sam. 14:7)**

* An “Armor Bearer” played a vital and vulnerable role

**6. Jonathan’s Strategy (1 Sam. 14:8-12)**

**7. God’s Victory (1 Sam. 14:13-15, 23)**