

- Things are really bad in Israel.
- The Philistines occupy the land.
- Most of the men in Israel are in hiding, and those who stand to fight have no weapons (13:22).
- Saul is a rejected king ruling over a crumbling kingdom.
- In the midst of this, we hear "For nothing restrains the Lord from saving by many or by few" (1 Samuel 14:6).

BACKGROUND

- Jonathan has a "secret" plan (14:1).
- While Jonathan was acting, Saul was sitting (14:2).
- Between Jonathan and the Philistines.
  - Bozez Slippery.
  - Seneh Thorny.
- Jonathan trusts the Lord (14:6; Joshua 23:10).
- This is not a presumptuous act, for he allows God to say, "no" (14:9-10).

## SANCTIFIED IMAGINATION

- Faith in Action –vs- Faith Inaction
  - (2 Corinthians 5:7).
  - (Romans 8:31).
  - Great reward comes from great risk.
  - Don't allow the fear of failure to stop us.
  - Have we "tested" God? (Malachi 3:10).
- Discouragement
  - The strongholds of Satan are many, and always have been many (2 Corinthians 10:4).
  - There has never been an easy time to serve the Lord.

## LESSONS LEARNED

- You Don't Need Permission To Fight The Good Fight Of Faith (1 Timothy 6:12).
  - (James 4:17).
- Serve The Lord In Your Youth
  - Don't use youth as an excuse (Jeremiah 1:6-7).

## LESSONS LEARNED

May we all have the courage and zeal of Jonathan!

Let's all plan and work our plans to further the Lord's Kingdom!

CHALLENGE