

Leadership and Followership

1 Samuel 14:1-14

Key Verse: 6b-7

1. What did Jonathan decide to do one day? (1) Why did he not tell his father King Saul? (Think about the situation in Israel. 2-3a; 1Sa 13:19) Why was Jonathan's initiative important? (3b) What can we learn about the importance of taking initiative in difficult or stagnant times?
2. What obstacles did Jonathan encounter when he reached the Philistine outpost? (4-5; Refer to the map.) What can we learn about Jonathan's faith in his words to his armor-bearer? (6; Ps 18:29)
3. What can we see in the armor-bearers' response? (7) What did the armor-bearer mean by "I am with you heart and soul"? How does this teach us about the importance of teamwork in God's work? (Ecc 4:12; Proverbs 18:24)
4. What can we learn about Jonathan's leadership in his strategy before God? (10) How did God work? (11-15) How did their faith influence the nation of Israel? (16-23)

