

No name in battle pt3

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[0 : 00] 1 Samuel 14. Last week we were in 13, this week we'll be in 14 a little more.! 1 Samuel 14.

I'll touch on 13 a little bit here and there. I'll announce this in the morning service, but for those of you that don't know, Sue Jenter passed away yesterday.

They were on their way back to Florida. They were in Alabama. She had a stroke. Very severe one. I think on Tuesday.

Tuesday or Wednesday. And then Fred called and let us know and we had people praying. Doctors went in on Thursday or Friday and said they didn't think she was coming out of it and she passed away yesterday.

I'll be praying for Fred. For those of you who may not know, most of you know who they are, but for you guys. There's a couple of you who used to sit right here. They were on their way back to Florida. They lived in Florida.

[1 : 13] He sang a couple times this year. Yep. This Fred and that Fred and that Bonnie sang together one day. So, yeah. Yeah. So. Yeah.

They've been married a long time. So. It's going to be an adjustment for Fred. But he's doing pretty well. Well, so far. One other announcement, just so that you'll know.

Let me just put it this way. There may be some visitors today here that you might not expect. And. Just.

That's to let you know that. You see some familiar faces you haven't seen in a while. There may be some visitors here today. So. Okay. And treat them accordingly.

All right. First Samuel chapter 14. Let's have a word of prayer. Do you have any father? Thank you for this time together this morning, Lord. I pray that you would just. Be with us as we go through your word.

[2 : 22] Lord, that you would help us to understand, to grow, to see principles. Lord, that we can take and share. And not only share, but Lord, use in our own lives.

Father, things that can help us have a closer walk with you. So, Lord, pray that you would just. Help us to understand this morning that. Our God is great. Our God can accomplish so much.

If we're just willing to. Listen and to obey. And hope to follow. So, Lord. Just bless this time together now. In Jesus name. Amen. We were.

We were. We were. We were. We were. Yep. I know. I mean. It may be my fear. So, I'm not. But. When you're. When you're. You're. That machine.

It makes so much noise. I can turn that down. Yes. I can. Yeah. I know that there. They have. They have. They have. So, if it's a.

[3 : 20] They have. It's a little. Yep. What was that? It's on the other side. Corey. Yep. Just turn it. Just turn it back up one notch. And it'll make a huge difference. Yes, it does. And. And. Yeah. Yeah.

You just turn it back one notch. And it makes a huge difference. Yeah. So. All right. Back to. First Samuel chapter 14. 13.

We were talking last week. About the fact that. No name in battle. We've been talking about people. Whose names we do not know. But they have made a huge difference. And the things of the Lord.

And so. This one. Name in. No name in battle. We talked about the fact that God. Has a lot of battles. In his word. And. To remind us.

[4 : 19] We're in a battle. As a Christian. And. As a Christian. We face a battle. Every day of our lives. Ephesians 6. 12 says. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood. But against principalities.

Against powers. Against the rulers of the darkness. Of this world. Against spiritual wickedness. In high places. We are battling Satan. Every day of our lives. When we become a Christian. Satan's always there.

1 Peter 5. 8. Be sober. Be vigilant. Because your adversary. The devil. As a roaring lion. Walketh about. Seeking whom he may devour. And we talked about. In John 10.

10. A thief. Come. The thief cometh not. But for to steal. And to kill. And to destroy. I am come. That they might have life. And they might have it more abundantly.

So Satan is always out to get us. Satan is always trying to take care of us. But. But. 1 John 4. 4. 1 John 4.

[5 : 14] 4 says. Ye are of God. Little children. And have overcome them. Because greater is he that is in you. Than he that is in the world. Jesus Christ. Living in us.

Is greater than anything. Satan can throw at us. Jesus Christ. Living in us. Makes all the difference in the world. If we have him. We have all the power that we need.

So they're going to battle. And we're going to face battles. And the first problem we always face. Is the obstacle. What is the obstacle. That's being thrown in our way. In this particular case.

There was a powerful adversary. And it was the Philistines. The Philistines were coming up against them. Remember we've met the Philistines. At different times. You know. David. And Goliath. That was Philistines.

Well the Philistines are causing problems again. And you notice. In this case. Saul has a very small army. We talked about the fact. He had 3,000.

[6 : 09] 2,000 of them were with Saul. 1,000 was with Jonathan. What did they have. In the. Philistine army. Remember I talked about.

In verse 5. There are chapter 13. Chapter 13. Verse 5. Says. The Philistines gathered themselves together. To fight with Israel. 30,000 chariots. And 6,000 horsemen.

And people as the sand. Which is on the seashore. He says. They got. 30,000 chariots. 6,000 horsemen. And so many people. You can't even number them all.

They had a. It was a very powerful adversary. That they were going up against. And what did Saul have. Saul had a pathetic army. Saul had a 3,000 man army.

3,000. Against. Well there's 36,000. Right there. Just in the chariots. And the horsemen. Let alone everybody else. And we talked about that army.

[7 : 08] That Saul had. Saul had an army. That was fearful. Verse 6. Of chapter 13. Says. They were in a strait. And people. Did hide themselves. In caves. And in thickets.

And in rocks. And in high places. And in pits. And some of the Hebrews. Went over. Jordan. Into the land of Gad. And Gilead. They were scared. And they were running. They were fearful. Not only that.

They were flabby. Remember we talked about. The fact that they were flabby. And the fact that. Saul. And 600 of those. Of his army. It says in chapter 14.

Verse 2. They were hanging out. Underneath the pomegranate tree. They were sitting back. Resting and relaxing. And they weren't really preparing. For the battle. And stuff. They were just kind of.

Taking it easy. The Bible tells us. We should be ready. Ecclesiastes 9. 10. Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do. Do it with thy might. And then there were those.

[8 : 01] Who were fickle. Chapter 14. Verse 21. Chapter 14. Verse 21. It says. Moreover the Hebrews. That were with the Philistines. Before that time. Which went up with them.

Into the camp. And the country round about. They even turned. To be with the Israelites. That were with Saul. And Jonathan. They were going back and forth. We'll talk some more.

About those different ones. In a few minutes. But God tells us. To do what? 1 Corinthians 15. 58 says. Therefore my beloved brethren. Be ye steadfast. Unmovable.

Always abounding. In the work of the Lord. For as much as you know. Your labor is not in vain. In the Lord. Then we said. After the obstacle. Come the opportunities. Remember we talked about.

Henry Kaiser. He was the. Father of American shipbuilding. And his thing was. Problems. Are opportunities. And work clothes. Can you go turn that down.

[9 : 00] Another notch. And see if that thing. Is making a noise. It's on the front of it. See if that's what that noise is. We have opportunities. Whenever there's an obstacle.

We have opportunities. In front of us. And sometimes. Those opportunities. Take the fact that. We need some leadership. We need somebody.

Who's going to come out. And they're going to. Show some leadership. And that's going to happen. But it's not going to be. Saul that does it. Saul's the king. But he's not the one. That's going to show the leadership. His son.

Jonathan. Is going to show the leadership. And we talked about. First Samuel 14. Verses five. Four through six. Just let me read. Verse six. It says. Jonathan said to the young man.

That bear his armor. There's the guy. That we don't know his name. The young man. Who bear his armor. Come and let us go over. The garrison. Under the garrison.

[9 : 55] Of those uncircumcised. It may be. That the Lord. Will work for us. For there is no restraint. To the Lord. To say by many. Or by few.

It doesn't. Take God. To have to have a whole army. Like the Philistines had. God can still take care of us. God can still watch over us. God can still meet the need. Remember Gideon.

He had gathered an army. To go to battle. With the Amalekites. And God said. Nope. You got too many. And they pared it down. And pared it down. And pared it down. Until he had 300. 300 people.

Against an army. God says. Okay. Now we can do it. Now this one's going to work. Why is it going to work? Because God's going to get the glory. Not man. Because of what God has done.

And here. Is the same thing going to happen. Jonathan had learned. An important lesson. In his years. Of growing up. And watching. God at work.

[10 : 51] He says there. Again. In the end of verse 6. It may be the Lord will work for us. There is no restraint. To the Lord. To say by many. Or by few. And we looked at 1 Corinthians. Chapter 1.

Where it says. That. You know. He doesn't use the wise. He doesn't use the mighty. He doesn't use the noble. He uses the foolish things. To confound the wise. He uses the weak things.

To confound the mighty. You know. He uses the base things. The things that are despised. He uses all those things. Why? That no flesh of glory. In his presence. God says. I can use anybody.

I can take anybody. That's such an. Such an encouragement to us. Who are we? We are in Hancock.

Maine. Where? Have you ever heard of KD National Park? Oh yeah. I've heard of that. Yeah. You know. Go about 20 miles away. And that's where we are. Okay. But God can use us.

[11 : 46] It's a great encouragement. To know that God can do that. And. Let's see. The way that God can use us.

Is when we face the obstacles. And we. Have these opportunities. The way God can use this third thing. Was obedience. By obedience. He says.

Look. You follow me. A humble following. Humbly following God. In whatever he has. Here's two. Three thousand men. Jonathan only has a thousand of them.

With him. And who actually goes up. Against the Philistines. Jonathan. And his armor bearer. Two people. He's got a thousand soldiers.

Under his command. But two of them. Are standing up. Saying God. You can do a work. By a lot of people. Or you can do it by a few. Two of us.

[12 : 44] We talked about. You know. Being obedient. And who. Put to leadership. Being obedient. To what God has called us to do. And he says. Look. I'm going to do this.

You be obedient. You humbly follow me. And you have an honorable faith. An honorable faith. Because what happens. Jonathan says. We can do this. The ring bearer.

The armor bearer says. Yeah. We can do this. Verse 8. Of chapter 14. Then said Jonathan. Behold. We will pass over. Unto these men. And we will discover ourselves.

Unto them. Remember. I talked about that verse. They're going to go up. Before those Philistines. You know. Those 30,000 chariots. Those 6,000 horsemen. And all those people. And they're going to go up. And they're going to say. Hi. How you doing?

We're here. And what's going to be the Philistines reaction? Well. We'll see that in a minute. Because Jonathan goes on to say. Verses 9 and 10.

[13 : 38] Of chapter 14. Verse 9 and 10 says. If they say. Thus unto us. Tarry. Until we come to you. Then we shall stand still. In our place. And we'll not go up unto them.

But. If they say. Come up unto us. Then we will go up. For the Lord. Shall deliver. Has delivered them. Into our hand.

And this shall be. Sign. Unto us. If they say. Come on over here. Where we are. Jonathan says. Oh. That's a good thing. When they invite us over. God's going to let us.

Have the victory. There was no plan B. If they say this. We do this. If they say this. We do this. That's it. Those are the only options. That's what we're going to do.

And we talked about. In Hebrews. 9 and 6. But without faith. It is impossible to please him. Proverbs 3. 5 and 6. Trust in the Lord. With all thine heart. Lean not on the own.

[14 : 34] Understanding. We talked about. All of those. Different things. Which brings us to. When we learn to obey. And we learn to follow. And learn to do. What God wants us to do.

We have a heavenly favor. Heavenly favor. Let's have a word of prayer. Father. Help us. Now as we continue on. Lord. Help us. As we continue to look.

At what you have for us. As we continue to learn. From the life of Jonathan. And his armor bearer. Lord. Lord. When we trust you. Great things happen.

Help us to trust. In Jesus name. Amen. Heavenly favor. God. Will always. Honor. Faith. And trust. In him.

Always. You put your faith in him. You put your trust in him. You do what he asks you to do. God will always honor that. Isaiah. 26. 3 and 4. Isaiah 26.

[15 : 31] 3 and 4. Thou will keep him. In perfect peace. Whose mind is stayed on thee. Because he trusteth in thee. Trust ye in the Lord forever.

For in the Lord Jehovah. Is everlasting strength. He says you trust in the Lord. You follow the Lord. And you walk with him. Because he has everlasting strength.

I am up here this morning. I was up early this morning. I got about two and a half hours sleep last night. That was it. And so I am going up this morning. I am like.

And it was an early start. But you know what. He says. You trust in the Lord. You follow him. He gives you everlasting strength. He is going to help me today.

He is going to give me what I need today. And you know. It is amazing. Jonathan and his armor bearer. They trusted in the Lord. And they are going to see some great things happen.

[16 : 28] They are going to see unbelievable victory. In chapter 14. Verse 11. It says this. And both of them discovered themselves. Unto the garrison of the Philistines.

And the Philistines said. Behold. The Hebrews come forth out of the holes. Where they had hid themselves. And the men of the garrison. And Jonathan and his armor bearer. And said.

Come up to us. We will show you a thing. I can just imagine him saying it like that. Come on over here. We will show you something. Come. And Jonathan said to his armor bearer.

Verse 12. Jonathan said to his armor bearer. Come up after me. For the Lord has delivered them into our hand. He says. God has given them. Unto the hand of Israel.

Verse 13. Jonathan climbed up on his hands. And upon his feet. And his armor bearer after him. And they fell. Before Jonathan. And his armor bearer. Slew after him.

[17 : 23] And that first slaughter. Jonathan and his armor bearer made. Was about 20 men. It's 10 to 1. You got Jonathan's armor bearer. They're going to slay 20.

10 to 1. And God is taking care of them. And watching over them. And meeting their need. He says. It was about 20 men. Verse 14. Within. As it were. A half acre of land.

Which he yoke. And there was. Trembling in the host. In the field. And among the people. The garrison. And the swilters. And the earthquake.

So it was. Great. Trembling. So. Jonathan and his armor bearer. They defeat these 20 guys. And then right after they defeat those 20 guys. God sends an earthquake.

An earthquake takes place. And verse 16. And the watchman of Saul. And Gibeah. Of Benjamin. Looked. And behold. The multitude melted away.

[18 : 22] And they were beating down one another. So. Jonathan comes in. They got these 20 guys. They come up against him. Jonathan and his armor bearer. Take care of those 20 guys. Earthquake happens.

Scares everybody to death. Basically. And he says. They started fighting amongst themselves. So Saul now. Remember Saul had been under the pomegranate tree. You know. They look over. And they see other things going on.

And what's going on over there. What Jonathan has done. And what. The earthquake. They're like. Okay. Let's go. Let's be a part of this. See. God did the work for them.

All they had to do was be there. And let God do his work. You know. Again. Jonathan there. In verse 6. It said. Whether by many or by few. Doesn't matter.

We can take care of them. 2 Corinthians. Chapter 10. Verse 4. Says this. For the weapons of our warfare. Are not carnal.

[19 : 18] But mighty through God. To the pulling down of strongholds. Weapons of our warfare. Are not carnal. They used their swords. Their spears. And things. For the first 20. After that.

An earthquake came. That took care of some. They got so scared. They started fighting. Amongst themselves. God's taking care of it. We're not having to do anything.

We're just waiting here. For him to get done. You know. You think about it. Jonathan. In his armor bearer. Was it lonely for them? Was it hard for them?

Just the two of them. To go up. Against such a powerful enemy. Yes. But they stepped out in faith. They did what God. Asked them to do. And you want to know.

What happened. This is so cool. You want to know. What happened. And that. You said. Well they won. Yeah. But it's not just that. Remember those three categories. We talked about. The fearful.

[20 : 14] The flabby. And the fickle. Look in chapter 14. Verse 20. And Saul. And all the people. That were with him. Assembled themselves. And they came to the battle.

Remember. Saul had been underneath. The comagery. And we talked about the flabby. They had just kind of been waiting. Okay. Now they're coming to the battle. They're getting involved. And being a part of it. Look at verse 21.

Moreover. The Hebrews. That were with. The Philistines. Before that time. Which went up with them. Into the camp. From the country. Round about. Even they also turned.

To be with the Israelites. That were with Saul. And Jonathan. So the fickle. Turn out. Coming back. Verse 22. Likewise. All the men of Israel.

Which had hidden themselves. In Mount Ephraim. When they heard. The Philistines fled. Even they also. Followed hard. After them. In the battle. Now you've got. The fearful coming. All of those people.

[21 : 09] Who had gone. You've been flabby. And fearful. And fickle. Are all now coming back. Into the battle. And it all. Because. Jonathan. And his armor bearer. Said. We're going to trust God.

And do what he has asked us to do. I'm going to follow God. And do what he asked. He says. And all these people. Start coming back. So cool. You know.

We don't know. The name of Jonathan's armor bearer. You know. Doesn't matter. Just the fact. That he had faith. He says. You know.

Jonathan. I will follow you. Anywhere. I didn't even read those verses. But. You remember. He. He had said earlier. That. Jonathan. Whatever you say.

Wherever you want to go. I'm going to. Because you're following God. Follow you. Isn't that so cool? When we stand up.

[22 : 03] We follow God. We are obedient to his word. Do what he asks us to do. We see great things. That will happen. Because of that. Somebody wrote a poem. We don't have a name for it.

Doesn't know who. Who it was. But. It goes like this. My life. Shall touch. A dozen lives. Before this day is done. Stop right there. How many people.

Are you going to come in contact. With today. And today's a Sunday. Probably not as many. As you would normally would. Take a. Take a Monday through Friday. You go to work. You go to the grocery store.

You go to the post office. You go here. You go there. You do. You come in contact. With all kinds of people. My life. Shall touch. A dozen lives. Before this day is done. Leave countless.

Marks. For good. Or ill. That said Steve. And some. During that day. I am going to come in contact. With a bunch of people. And I am going to leave. All times.

[22 : 59] I am going to have an impact. On their lives. And the things that they are doing. Margaret. It is easier. To contact more people. When you go. Like on Facebook. And other social.

Yep. You can. On the computer. Yep. You can contact a lot of people. Excuse me. And have a lot of impact. People on that. You are correct. He goes on.

He says. This is the wish. I always wish. The prayer. I always pray. Lord. May my life. Help other lives. It touches.

By the way. When we go out. When we are on Facebook. When we do whatever. Are we praying that prayer. Lord. Use me. To help other people. Jonathan.

And his armchair. Two. Out of the thousands. That he had with him. Two. Said. We are going to do. What God wants us to do. We are going to obey him.

[23 : 56] We are going to follow him. And look at the impact. It had. On the lives. Of those other soldiers. On the life. Of Saul himself. All right. Mentioning that.

I remember a story. That's true. This one soldier. Was the only one. That survived. On the right. This battle. Out of. His own unit.

And what. He's interviewed. How he survived. He says. Well. I always read my Bible. Every morning. And he said. Everybody teased me about it.

And harassed me. He said. But I continue. He says. And that chapter. That day. Told me. To go east. So. I went east. They went west.

And somebody. Grandy. And says. You're going. Into the back. You're going. Toward the enemy. He said. The Bible. The Bible. The Bible. Told me. To go east. And he was. The only one. To survive. The other ones.

[24 : 53] Were off. Flowing. It was amazing. You got to follow God. And his word. Yeah. So. Good. So. Too often.

We look at our lives. As being full of obstacles. And not opportunities. We look at it. And say. Oh. I've got this thing. And I've got this thing.

And I've got this thing. And I've got this. Everything's hindering me. No. Everything's an opportunity. To watch God. Do his work. And what?

I said. Amen. Amen. Okay. When we see our problems. As big. You know. Big problems. Then God appears small to us. But when we see God.

As big. The obstacles. Seems small to us. How big. Is your God? You know. The one thing about God.

[25 : 50] God has never met his match. God always comes out on top. God always wins. Second Chronicles 16. Nine.

For the eyes of the Lord. Run to and fro. Throughout the whole earth. To show himself strong. In the behalf of them. Whose heart is perfect. Toward him. Second Chronicles 16.

Nine. He says. He's going to show himself strong. To those. Whose heart is perfect. Toward him. You know.

Here's Jonathan. And his armor bearer. Whose name we do not know. But God. Allowed that armor bearer. To see. God do some amazing things.

Because he was willing to follow. And to obey. How about us? God has things. That he wants done. God has things.

[26 : 47] That he wants to see us do. Are we willing to follow. And to obey. What he has for us. And we've got one more. We're going to look at.

And I'll even tell you. It's going to be. Next week. We're going to be in Hebrews chapter 11. The end of it. Hebrews chapter 11. It mentions all those.

But at the end of. Hebrews chapter 11. It mentions. And there were. Others. Who. People whose names. We do not know. But they got. God used them mightily.

Because of their faith. We're going to start talking about them. Next week. Damian father again. We thank you.