

FIGHT THE FIGHT.

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*There comes a MOMENT when you
stop PREPARING and start FIGHTING.*

4 Steps to Being Victorious.

1. Be CLEAR about the MISSION.
2. Be COMMITTED to the BATTLE.
3. Be STRATEGIC with your ACTIONS.
4. Be MINDFUL where your HELP comes from.

Winning the battle won't be easy . . . but it's possible.

Be CLEAR about the MISSION.

1 Samuel 14

¹ One day Jonathan said to his armor bearer, "Come on, let's go over to where the Philistines have their outpost." But Jonathan did not tell his father what he was doing. ² Meanwhile, Saul and his 600 men were camped on the outskirts of Gibeah, around the pomegranate tree at Migron . . . ³ No one realized that Jonathan had left the Israelite camp.

⁴ To reach the Philistine outpost, Jonathan had to go down between two rocky cliffs that were called Bozez and Seneh. ⁵ The cliff on the north was in front of Micmash, and the one on the south was in front of Geba.

- There comes a MOMENT when you stop PREPARING and start FIGHTING.
- The CLARITY of the mission will determine the PLAN of attack.
- Sometimes you gotta go FIRST and others will FOLLOW.

Q: What are you waiting for?

Q: Who's waiting for you?

Be COMMITTED to the BATTLE.

^{14:6} “Let’s go across to the outpost of those pagans,” Jonathan said to his armor bearer. “Perhaps the LORD will help us, for nothing can hinder the LORD. He can win a battle whether he has many warriors or only a few!”

⁷ “Do what you think is best,” the armor bearer replied. “I’m with you completely, whatever you decide.”

¹¹ When the Philistines saw them coming, they shouted, “Look! The Hebrews are crawling out of their holes!” ^{12a} Then the men from the outpost shouted to Jonathan, “Come on up here, and we’ll teach you a lesson!”

^{12b} “Come on, climb right behind me,” Jonathan said to his armor bearer, “for the LORD will help us defeat them!”

- Your strongest weapon is your commitment to STAY in the fight . . . NO MATTER WHAT.
- The strongest WARRIORS fight TOGETHER.

Q: Who’s “with you” no matter what?

Be STRATEGIC with your ACTIONS.

^{14:13} So they climbed up using both hands and feet, and the Philistines fell before Jonathan, and his armor bearer killed those who came behind them. ¹⁴ They killed some twenty men in all, and their bodies were scattered over about half an acre. ¹⁵ Suddenly, panic broke out in the Philistine army, both in the camp and in the field, including even the outposts and raiding parties. And just then an earthquake struck, and everyone was terrified.

- If you want to WIN the battle, you have to play YOUR PART.
- When you do what you CAN, God will do what you CAN’T.

Q: Are you trying to do it all by yourself?

Be MINDFUL where your HELP comes from.

^{14:12} Jonathan said, “*THE LORD* will help us defeat them!”

Group Discussion.

- What was the most impactful truth from tonight's lesson?
- Is there a battle you've been "talking about" for a long time . . . that you're ready to start FIGHTING?
- What are you waiting on? If not now . . . when?
- Has God given you a kingdom assignment that needs to move from planning to DOING?
- WHO can you ask to help you fight your battle or accomplish your Kingdom assignment?

Personal Reflection.

- **ASK:** Do you have a God-given assignment that you're willing to GIVE YOUR LIFE to accomplish?
- **READ:** "But my life is worth nothing to me unless I use it for finishing the work assigned me by the Lord Jesus - the work of telling others the Good News about the wonderful grace of God." - Acts 20:24
- **PRAY:** LORD, would you give me the strength to keep fighting the battles that matter most. Send me a Band of Brothers to fight alongside me. May we equip and encourage each other along the way. And may we give all the GLORY to you! Amen.