

LET US GO UP AND CONQUER

1. Text: I Samuel 14:6-14
2. Here is an exciting story from Scripture. And it is filled with applications for us.
3. Jonathan the hero of the hour is a great example. Let's see what happens.

I. **The Call To Action**

1. Dark days for Israel: wavering king with weak army fighting wicked foe.
2. War stalled, no movement.
3. It simply was time to move, act, do something.
4. "Ready, fire, aim."
5. II Corinthians 8:11 Now performing the doing of it.

II. **The Connection (To God's People)**

1. Let's go up against the Philistines, uncircumcised. Verse 12: God has given them into the hand of Israel. This is no mere political or military struggle; these are God's people.
2. David in I Samuel 17 Who is this who defies the armies of God (verse 26); I came to you in name of God of armies of Israel.
3. I Peter 4:16 Don't be ashamed to suffer as a Christian.
4. I Peter 2:9 You are a chosen race, holy nation, His own special people.

III. **The Co-operation (With The Lord)**

1. Verse 6: "It may be that God will work for us." Lack of faith? No, just uncertainty if this plan met His approval. Bold move. Would God bless it?
2. If God did co-operate and approve, there would be no restraint "from saving by many or by few."
3. How can we know God approves and co-operates? Is it biblically authorized? Is it expedient?

IV. **The Course Of Action**

1. Strategy was important. Great risk, but not reckless.
2. Godly, thoughtful move, not merely warrior spoiling for a fight.
3. He yielded himself as an instrument in God's hand.
4. Planning is vital in any group.

V. **The Companion**

1. Two men climbed up that steep mountain. We don't even know one's name.
2. We will always need leaders like Jonathan, but we will also need followers like his armor bearer.
3. Notice his stirring words: "Do all that is in your heart. Go then; here I am with you, according to your heart." (verse 7)
4. Verse 14 says clearly both men defeated the garrison.
5. "Come up after me," and he did.

Conclusion:

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