

# RESET

21 DAYS OF PRAYER & FASTING

## RESET YOUR EXPECTATION

1 Samuel 13:23 – 14:14

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### MESSAGE NOTES

*Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with an attitude of thanksgiving; praying at the same time for us as well, that God will open up to us a door for the Word, so that we may speak forth the mystery of Christ ... Conduct yourselves with wisdom toward outsiders, making the most of the opportunity. — Colossians 4:2 – 5 (NAS)*

*“An outlier is someone who lives a rare, special life compared to the majority of people.” — Outlier Definition*

#### Seizing divine moments:

- **By being available**

*Now a detachment of Philistines had gone out to the pass at Mikmash.*

*One day Jonathan son of Saul said to his young armor-bearer, “Come, let’s go over to the Philistine outpost on the other side.” But he did not tell his father. Saul was staying on the outskirts of Gibeah under a pomegranate tree in Migron.*

*With him were about six hundred men, — 1 Samuel 13:23 – 14:2 (NIV)*

- **By living with expectation**

*“Expect great things from God and attempt great things for God.” — William Carey*

*Jonathan said to his young armor-bearer, “Come, let’s go over to the outpost of those uncircumcised men. Perhaps the Lord will act in our behalf. Nothing can hinder the Lord from saving, whether by many or by few.”*

*— 1 Samuel 14:6 (NIV)*

*Jonathan said, “Come on, then; we will cross over toward them and let them see us. If they say to us, ‘Wait there until we come to you,’ we will stay where we are and not go up to them. But if they say, ‘Come up to us,’ we will climb up, because that will be our sign that the Lord has given them into our hands.” — 1 Samuel 14:8 – 10 (NIV)*

- **By stepping into the moment**

*So both of them showed themselves to the Philistine outpost. “Look!” said the Philistines. “The Hebrews are crawling out of the holes they were hiding in.” The men of the outpost shouted to Jonathan and his armor-bearer, “Come up to us and we’ll teach you a lesson.” So Jonathan said to his armor-bearer, “Climb up after me; the Lord has given them into the hand of Israel.” — 1 Samuel 14:11 – 12 (NIV)*

*“Sometimes you have to swing out on the vine of God’s promises to get over the chasms of life.” — Author Unknown*

*Jonathan climbed up, using his hands and feet, with his armor-bearer right behind him. The Philistines fell before Jonathan, and his armor-bearer followed and killed behind him. In that first attack Jonathan and his armor-bearer killed some twenty men in an area of about half an acre. — 1 Samuel 14:13 – 14 (NIV)*

*Then panic struck the whole army — those in the camp and field, and those in the outposts and raiding parties — and the ground shook. It was a panic sent by God. — 1 Samuel 14:15 (NIV)*

*“Share Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit and leave the results up to God.” — Evangelism*



## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Share an example of a historical battle where a new weapon made all the difference in the victory.
- When God serves up a divine moment, what makes the difference of someone seizing it, waffling it or running from it?
- In 1 Samuel 14, what are some of the differences between how King Saul and how Jonathan are living out their faith?
- How do we live in line with what missionary William Carey was expressing when he said, “Expect great things from God and attempt great things for God”?
- What key truth did you take away from the teaching this Sunday?
- If evangelism is “Sharing Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit and leaving the results up to God,” how does living that way free us up to tell others about Christ?
- Explain the importance of being available, living with expectation and stepping into the moment as a spiritual discipline. Why is each part important as we lean into God’s promises?