



PRAISING SAMUEL

SERMON SERIES

SUMMER_2021

THE
CALLED
BELIEVE



¹One 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. ²Meanwhile, Saul and his 600 men
were camped on the outskirts of Gibeah,
around the pomegranate tree at Migron.

1 Samuel 14:1-16; 20-23 (NLT)



³ Among Saul's men was Ahijah the priest, who was wearing the ephod, the priestly vest. Ahijah was the son of Ichabod's brother Ahitub, son of Phinehas, son of Eli, the priest of the Lord who had served at Shiloh. No one realized that Jonathan had left the Israelite camp.

1 Samuel 14:1-16; 20-23 (NLT)



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

1 Samuel 14:1-16; 20-23 (NLT)



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!”**

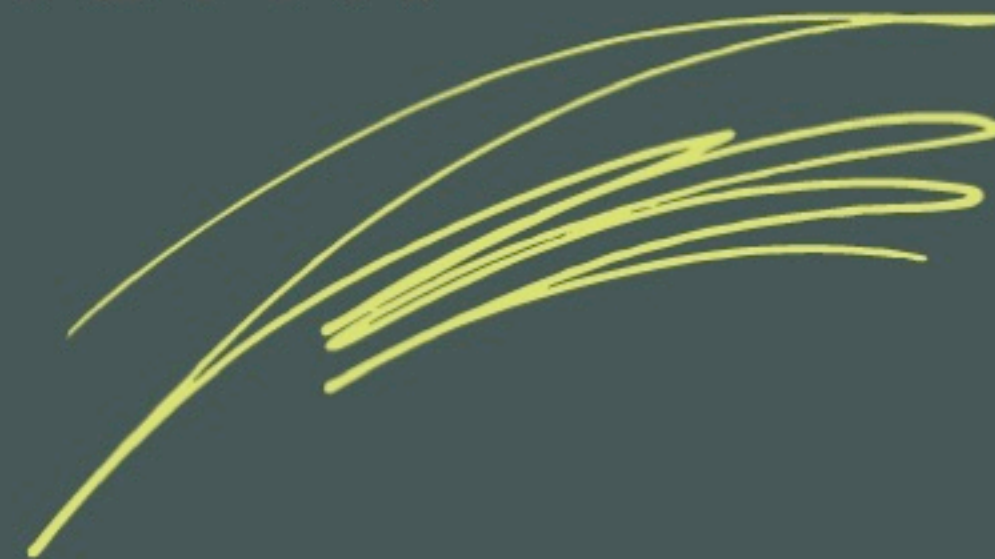
1 Samuel 14:1-16; 20-23 (NLT)



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

⁸“Alright, then,” Jonathan told him. “We will cross over and let them see us. ⁹If they say to us, ‘Stay where you are or we’ll kill you,’ then we will stop and not go up to them.

1 Samuel 14:1-16; 20-23 (NLT)



¹⁰ But if they say, ‘Come on up and fight,’ then we will go up. That will be the Lord’s sign that he will help us defeat them.”

¹¹ When the Philistines saw them coming, they shouted, “Look! The Hebrews are crawling out of their holes!”

1 Samuel 14:1-16; 20-23 (NLT)

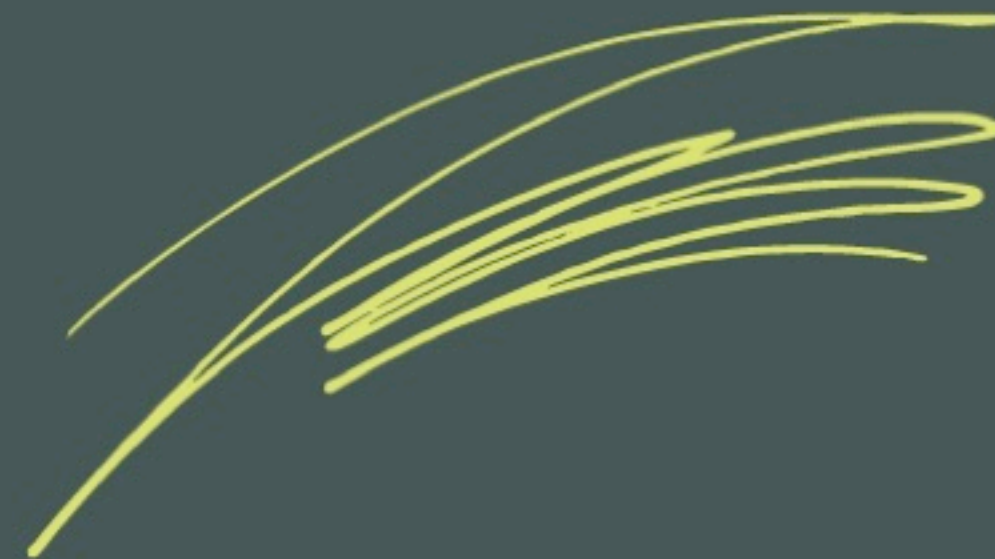


¹² Then the men from the outpost shouted to Jonathan, ‘Come on up here, and we’ll teach you a lesson!’

“Come on, climb up right behind me,”

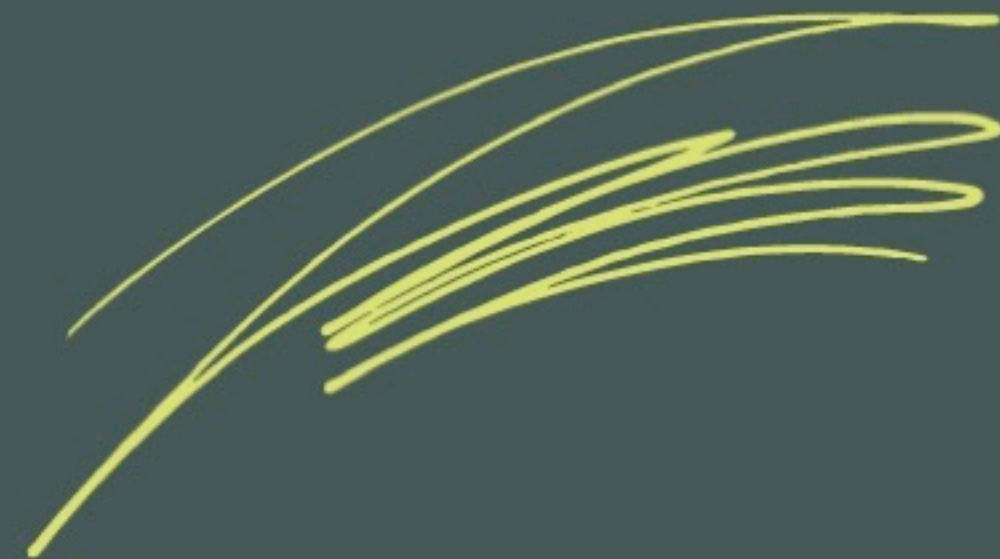
Jonathan said to his armor bearer, “for the Lord will help us defeat them!”

1 Samuel 14:1-16; 20-23 (NLT)



¹³ So the 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.

1 Samuel 14:1-16; 20-23 (NLT)



¹⁵ Suddenly, panic broke out in the Philistine army, both in the camp and in the field, even including the outposts and the raiding parties. And just then an earthquake struck, and everyone was terrified.

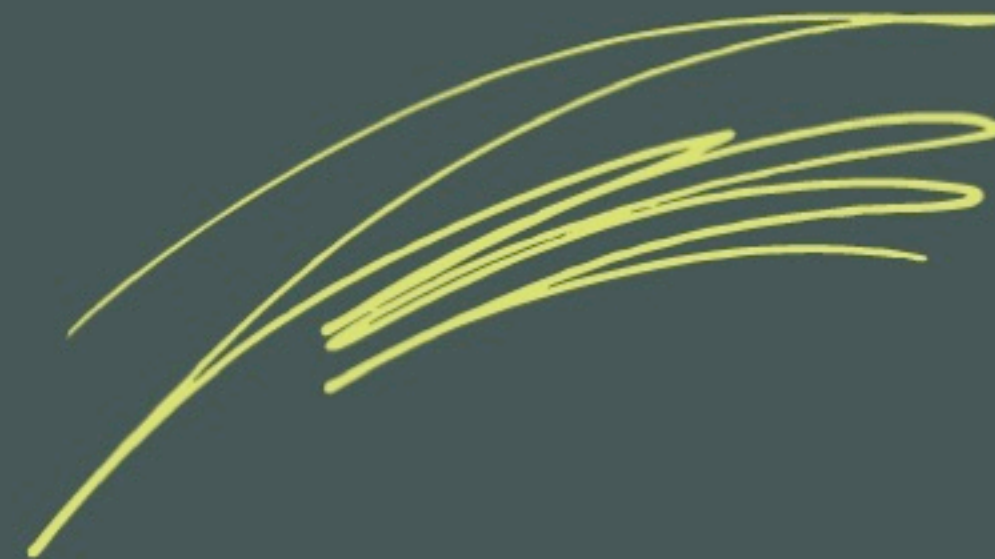
1 Samuel 14:1-16; 20-23 (NLT)



¹⁶ Saul's lookouts in Gibeah of Benjamin saw a strange sight - the vast army of the Philistines began to melt away in every direction....

²⁰ Then Saul and all his men rushed out to the battle and found the Philistines killing each other. There was terrible confusion everywhere.

1 Samuel 14:1-16; 20-23 (NLT)



²¹ Even the Hebrews who had previously gone over the Philistine army revolted and joined in with Saul, Jonathan, and the rest of the Israelites. ²² Likewise, the men of Israel who were hiding in the hill country of Ephraim joined the chase when they saw the Philistines running away.

1 Samuel 14:1-16; 20-23 (NLT)



²³ So the Lord saved Israel that day, and the battle continued to rage even beyond Beth-aven.

1 Samuel 14:1-16; 20-23 (NLT)



“...for nothing can hinder the Lord. He can win a battle whether he has many warriors or only a few!”

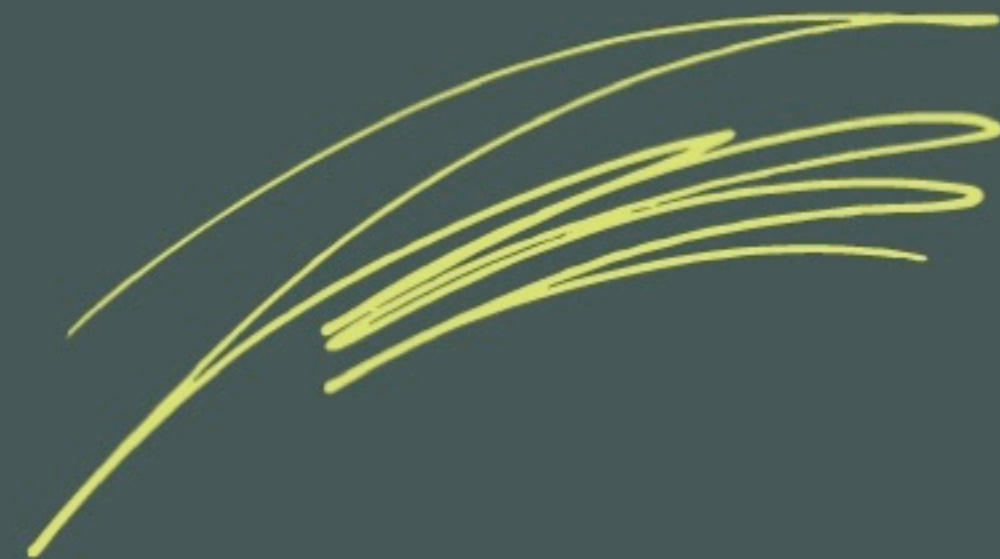
1 Samuel 14:6 (NLT)



BELIEVING LAUNCHES



**Believing is what
causes you to take the
first step, there is a first
step to every great
thing.**





Charles “Chuck” Colson
1931-2012



“Chuck decided that the only way to go forward was one that made no sense to anyone except his handful of Christian friends...He decided to voluntarily confess to something that he had done and trust God with the outcome.



He might have to go to prison, but if he did, he knew that God would go with him... Chuck would be putting everything in God's hands. He knew he could trust God with the whole thing that somehow it would be okay."

Eric Metaxas, 7 Men and the Secret of their Greatness



BELIEVING CONFRONTS



Face with Faith!





Cpl. James L Day

