

Life of David
27 – Venturing on God
I Samuel 14:1-16
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- I. The Setting and Context of Jonathan’s Venture on God
 - A. Desperate Circumstances (Chapter 13)
 - 1. The Philistines are enraged and unusually militant
 - 2. The Israelites are demoralized with no viable military force
 - 3. The Philistines raided at will while Israel is utterly helpless to respond
 - 4. The Philistines totally disarmed Israel, leaving them defenseless
 - 5. The Philistines were well positioned and fortified
 - B. Unsustainable Status Quo
 - C. Few Alternatives
 - 1. God’s purpose was destruction by the Philistines with no resistance.
 - 2. God’s purpose was that Israel take no action and wait for God to act
 - 3. God’s purpose was that Israel act while trusting God to deliver
 - D. Clear Accountability
- II. The Substance and Motivation of Jonathan’s Venture on God (14:1-10)
 - A. Jonathan’s Proposal (14:1-7)
 - B. Jonathan’s Attitude (14:6)
 - 1. Focused on Pursuit of God’s Will and Glory, Not God’s Blessing on the Pursuit of His Own Ambitions, Aspirations, and Dreams
 - 2. Relying on God’s Working, Not His Daring and Faith
 - 3. Submissive and Humble in Faith, Not Willful, Prideful Presumption
 - C. Jonathan’s Check (14:8-10)
- III. The Execution and Success of Jonathan’s Venture on God (14:11-16)