

## **Game Changer**

### **“The Jonathan Factor”**

**1 Sam. 13:22-23:** *“So on the day of the battle not a soldier with Saul and Jonathan had a sword or spear in his hand; only Saul and his son Jonathan had them.<sup>23</sup> Now a detachment of Philistines had gone out to the pass at Mikdash.”*

#### **How Can I Be a Jonathan & Seize My Defining, Divine Moments?**

1. By **dreaming big**.

- **1 Sam. 14:1-3:** *“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.<sup>2</sup> Saul was staying on the outskirts of Gibeah under a pomegranate tree in Migron. With him were about six hundred men,<sup>3</sup> among whom was Ahijah, who was wearing an ephod. He was a son of Ichabod’s brother Ahitub son of Phinehas, the son of Eli, the Lord’s priest in Shiloh. No one was aware that Jonathan had left.”*

2. By **embracing risk**.

- **1 Sam. 14:4-6:** *“On each side of the pass that Jonathan intended to cross to reach the Philistine outpost was a cliff; one was called Bozez and the other Seneh.<sup>5</sup> One cliff stood to the north toward Mikdash, the other to the south toward Geba.<sup>6</sup> 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.’”*

3. By **becoming infectious**.

- **1 Sam. 14:7-10:** *“‘Do all that you have in mind,’ his armor-bearer said. ‘Go ahead; I am with you heart and soul.’<sup>8</sup> Jonathan said, ‘Come on, then; we will cross over toward them and let them see us.<sup>9</sup> If they say to us, “Wait there until we come to you,” we will stay where we are and not go up to them.<sup>10</sup> 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.’”*

4. By **accepting challenges**.

- **1 Sam. 14:11-12:** *“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.’<sup>12</sup> 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.’”*