



SERMON NOTES

It's Your Move

Dead Ends are Doorways - Part II

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1 Samuel 14:1 (NKJV)

1 Now it happened one day that Jonathan the son of Saul said to the young man who bore his armor, "Come, let us go over to the Philistines' garrison that is on the other side." But he did not tell his father.

It takes bold faith and confident action to secure the victory. **YOU HAVE TO GET UP AND GET MOVING!**

1. A TIME TO _____

1 Samuel 14:2 (NKJV)

2 And Saul was sitting in the outskirts of Gibeah under a pomegranate tree which is in Migron. The people who were with him were about six hundred men.

The term "Sitting Disease" has been coined by the scientific community and is commonly used when referring to metabolic syndrome and the ill-effects of an overly sedentary lifestyle.

BAD SEATS

- Saul was sitting when he should have been moving.
- Eli the priest was sitting when he fell back and broke his neck when he heard the ark of God was captured.
- The prophet Isaiah speaks about people "sitting in darkness..."
- Psalmist warns those who "sit in the seat of the scornful" (*Ps. 1:1*), or "sit with the wicked" (*Ps. 26:5*).
- James and John's mother requested her sons to be seated next to Christ in His coming Kingdom. (*Mat. 20:21*).
- Pilate was seated in his judgment seat when he sentenced our Savior to death.

GOOD SEATS

- Jesus sat down at the right hand of the Father (*Heb. 1:3*), who is also seated upon His throne (*Isa. 6:1*).
- King David "sat before the Lord." (*2 Sam. 7:18*)
- *Judges 21:2* the people of God "sat in the presence of the Lord."
- Mary sat at the feet of Jesus. (*Luke 10:39*)
- We are seated with Christ in heavenly places. (*Eph. 2:6*) "and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus."

1 Samuel 14:3 (NKJV)

3 Ahijah the son of Ahitub, Ichabod's brother, the son of Phinehas, the son of Eli, the LORD'S priest in Shiloh, was wearing an ephod. But the people did not know that Jonathan had gone.

2. A TIME TO _____

1 Samuel 14:4-5 (NKJV)

4 Between the passes, by which Jonathan sought to go over to the Philistines' garrison, there was a sharp rock on one side and a sharp rock on the other side. And the name of one was Bozez, and the name of the other Seneh. **5** The front of one faced northward opposite Michmash, and the other southward opposite Gibeah.

Are you between your own Bozez (slippery) and Seneh (thorny)? You will have to scale the rocks. The rock of persecution the rock of adversity, the rock of addiction. You see, those rocks stand between you and God's victory.

3. A TIME TO _____

1 Samuel 14:6-7 (NKJV)

6 Then Jonathan said to the young man who bore his armor, "Come, let us go over to the garrison of these uncircumcised; it may be that the LORD will work for us. For nothing restrains the LORD from saving by many or by few." **7** So his armorbearer said to him, "Do all that is in your heart. Go then; here I am with you, according to your heart."

"...it may be that the LORD will work for us.

What good could come into your life if you stepped out?

Jonathan wasn't being presumptuous, he was acting in simple faith.

Caleb, at 85, was ready to claim his mountain promised by Moses 40 years earlier. **Joshua 14:12 (NKJV)** "...It may be that the LORD will be with me, and I shall be able to drive them out as the LORD said."

King Hezekiah said, **Isaiah 37:4 (NKJV)**

4 It may be that the LORD your God will hear the words of the Rabshakeh, whom his master the king of Assyria has sent to reproach the living God, and will rebuke the words which the LORD your God has heard. Therefore lift up your prayer for the remnant that is left.' "

"IT MAY BE" doesn't negate faith. It proclaims the power of God and the freedom for God to do as He sees best!

1 Samuel 14:7 (NKJV)

7 So his armorbearer said to him, "Do all that is in your heart. Go then; here I am with you, according to your heart."

Lord Jesus my heart is with your heart! Do all that is in your heart; here I am with you, according to your heart.