

People who make it happen.

Background: Israel partial victory then subdued under Philistines **1 Sam 13**

Jonathan King Saul's son stirred up by God inspires his Armour bearer to join him and attack the Philistine main Garrison **1 Sam 14: 1- 15**

They win a great Victory which King Saul and his army + Others join in to consolidate **1 Sam 14: 16-52**

Text 1 Sam 14:1-- Jonathan "Come let us go over"
Parallel-- **Luke 8:22** Jesus "Go Over lake "to confront Demon Gadara

Inert —or- **Initiate** — **Sluggish** —or-- **Set Going.**

1: We must INVITE the Challenge **v1 +v10**

Overview— Garrison = The pass to Trade and Normality / freedom—J rose to challenge—to throw off oppressor

Not about Foolish Aggressive attitude—It IS about Holy Ghost stirred —Rising up— Enough is Enough

1 Sam 17 v 26 David/Goliath "Who is this uncircumcised Philistine" ?

David knew who the "Covenant" lay with —Gods chosen people

Judges 4:6 Deborah to hesitant Barak-Go gather men **v 14** Up for this day

Get your resources—&---get going against 900 Iron chariots (Sisiera)

V 15 God confused—**v 21** a Woman (Jael) gets the glory **v 24** Barak mops up

Psalm 2 : 1-3 Earthly kings —demonic powers rise to cast off

Lamb slain from foundation

Satan tried by death---condemned himself—It is finished

Psalm 6:6 King is firmly installed.

Conc---God prompts a stirred spirit to invite the challenge

2: We must IGNORE the Obdurate v 1

(Hardened against influence) (Vision Killers)

Why did J not tell his Father (King Saul) ?--- Saul gripped by Inertia

V 2& 3 Trappings of Court + Religion—yet

Lacked genuine Faith-----**Locked** in to serving God his way

Saul the (Frank Sinatra King) “I did it my way”—with disastrous consequences

Christians Fluent in Church speak & Body language & responses!

They will NOT go with you—DO NOT wait for them —They'll Tag along at end!

V 20—Saul & Co--- Late Starters

V 21---Defectors to the Philistines

V 22 –Cowards hiding in the Hillside.

Call make Incisive thrusts—**Spiritual SAS**—not - **cosy**—“**Home Guard**”

Saul would have vetoed Jonathans request— an OPEN collision course

J Gracious to avoid public embarrassment against father—Got on with job

NOT about rebelling against Godly leadership—King Saul Was a go it alone

---**v 14 & 24 & 15 :9** Sauls Foolish edict nearly turned Victory into defeat

Heb 12:1 “Weights” off for race---**Numbers 14:22-23** A whole nation of weights

Weights—cannot take on Jericho's- 40 years—some carry their “obdurate spirit for a Lifetime.

DITCH the sandbags

CONC---God enables us to graciously ignore the obdurate

3: We must INITIATE the Advance v 3

1st Key principle make sure what you initiate advances the purposes of God not your own ambitions.

Mthw 2:8 **King Herod**—Find Messiah (Spiritual) Self Ambition kills Godly move

Psalm 7:9(Amp) TRY—Heart—Emotions—Thinking Power = Whole man

Illus—Virus Checker- Exposes---Quarantine-- then --Bin it

To ADVANCE you need - —**Convinced** Spirit—**Calm** Emotions—**Clear** Head

To Raise Quality followers v 6

- ◆ **Present a clear challenge**—“ Come let us go
 - ◆ **An Honest appraisal**—A Rocky garrison—Philistine Aggressors- Warriors
 - ◆ **God based expectation**---God does not need numbers—they are uncircumcised
 - ◆ **Optimistic Outlook.** WE can do this
- Two“ Rocky Outcrops”—names Thornbush -& - Shining
 The **Pessimist** sees Thornbush—Problem—The **Optimist** sees **Shining Opportunity!**

The potential hazard in fact **hid them** from view of the Philistines.

Conc---God sparks initiation to advance his kingdom

4: We must INSPIRE others v7

We **ALL** must be inspirational-- a lifestyle that LIFTS others

V6 -J Visionary approach elicits a quality response from
 AB his Vision **ENABLER ;**

Do what's in **YOUR** heart — **I am with** YOU all the way

Lets Define the difference between Inspired by God and just Charismatic + Multi Gifted

Apostle Paul— Not much to look at or listen to history says ?

Peter comments—Some of Paul's writings hard to get your head round.

Charismatic -Saul head and shoulders—yet only partially yielded

Charismatic Absalom---Stole a nation's heart from King David his father.

Prince Jonathan an Inspirer and also Inspired by Young David

1 Sam 18 (Goliath)—Jonathan **Yielded his Prince-hood** in deference to future King His spirit **KNIT with David**— This is the Fruit of a **true inspirer**

His AB crawled after him up a hazard— **HIS spirit Knit with Jonathan**

You can be both an INSPIRER and multi gifted/Talented But beware of:

Charisma without Character

Dictator—Hitler—Charisma—seedbed of Germany's depression years
Peddled the lie- then Ruled draconianly based on his own insecurity

V7 AB served Jonathan as Co-Equal—carried weapons & Fought

Illus like a Golf caddy—Carries clubs advises on stroke play & lay of Green but does not steal the limelight -- this was the Armour Bearers role.

Conc---God releases Inspiration raising committed enablers

5: We must INTEGRATE Partners. V 8-10

V 8-10 The language of Team- 5 x We 3 x Our 2 x Us

J did not Push AB down— He Propelled him up to another level

V 14 J+AB slay 20—v15 Internal panic—v15 God sent earthquake

V 20—22 Rest follow on —“ Glad you could make it”-? No Cynicism

J —Graciously shares victory

His Example shows us --We must be **Integrators not Isolators**

Illus Mega church Africa Leader—Gained massive audience

Yet did not Build Integrate successors - His Death heralded a decline

Local church—Fails if it is just groups or Individuals doing their own thing

WE must integrate with and encourage others vision

And ALL of us should **serve main vision.**

Q—Are you **integrating** with others & Main vision or **isolating.**

Conc—God will help us Integrate and be Integrated.

**Summary — The 5 qualities of Jonathan enabled
him and his armour bearer to be people who made it happen
Inviting - Ignoring – Initiating – Inspiring - Integrating**

Sermon in a Sentence —

Let's be People who - make it happen

Notes 05---Final