

A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study
Date: May 25, 2022
1 Samuel 13:16-14:23

1. What happened in our last week's Bible Study?
 - a. Saul sent most of the men home and retained a small standing army, some with him and some with Jonathan.
 - b. Jonathan attacked the Philistine outpost at Geba.
 - c. The Philistines assembled to fight Israel...and when the Israelites saw that their situation was critical, they hid.
 - d. Saul was waiting for Samuel, but he did not come.
 - e. Saul offered a burnt offering without Samuel.
 - f. Samuel declared that Saul had not kept the command of the Lord and "...now your kingdom will not endure"

2. What were the Philistines doing in verses 16-18? _____

3. What do we learn about Israel's army in 13:19-22? _____

How does this text inform analogies that future prophets use (see Joel 3:10, Isaiah 2:4, Micah 4:3)? _____

4. What does Jonathan do in 14:1-10?
 - a. He left the camp without anyone realizing he was gone and without telling Saul.
 - b. He decided to cross battle lines to check out the Philistine outpost with only one other person.
 - c. He crossed a narrow space between two cliffs, which sounds like a very exposed approach.
 - d. He said, "Let's go...maybe god will act on our behalf."
 - e. He said "Come on, we will...let them see us..."
 - f. He said if the Philistines tell him to climb up to them...then, they will know that God has given the Philistines into their hands and they would go ahead and climb up...wait, what?

5. So, was this brave or stupid or faith?
 - a. Well, if you ask me, Jonathon seems pretty impulsive. He is the one that attacked and got them into this situation to begin with.
 - b. Well, he says that God will save them, so that sounds like faith.
 - c. Ummm...I don't know. Sometimes it's hard to tell. I guess it all depends on what God's will was in the midst of it and whether Jonathon was guided by God.
 - d. Let's wait and see the outcome and then maybe we'll know if God was really in it.

6. So, then, what was the outcome, according to verses 11-14? _____

7. How did the story end in verses 15-23? _____

8. So, what should we take from this story to apply to our own lives? _____
