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Reflect + Discuss

Background: The books of 1 & 2 Samuel focus on two mountaintop figures: Saul and David—the first two kings of Israel. These books tell the long, often painful story of that transition—and the story of God’s faithfulness despite the imperfections of both men. Jonathan is Saul’s son, and David’s best friend.

- Read 1 Samuel 14:1-6. What is the significance of the word ‘perhaps’ or ‘maybe’ in verse 6? Does this indicate a lack of faith, or something else entirely?
- Read 1 Samuel 14:7. What specific qualities of friendship are highlighted in this verse? What does it mean to be with someone in ‘heart and soul’? Have you ever experienced a friendship like this in your own life of deep loyalty and trust?
- Read 1 Samuel 14:8-10. How clear are Jonathan’s plans? What does this reveal to us about Jonathan’s relationship with God? Are you someone who likes to have a set plan? What does it look like to make our plans and simultaneously trust God with the outcomes?
- Read 1 Samuel 14:15 & 1 Samuel 14:20-23. Jonathan’s courageous faith led to a surprising victory for his people. Have you ever stepped out in faith in a situation and seen God’s faithfulness through it? How can we trust God is at work even when we don’t see the results we hoped for?
- So often what we want is clarity, but God is looking for courageous faith. Are there any areas in your life right now you might be called to act with courage, even without a clear plan, trusting that God will be faithful? Are there any courageous next steps you might be called to take in light of Jonathan’s story?

Pray

Pray that we would sense God’s call and invitation to live out a courageous faith. Pray that we would be inspired by Jonathan’s story as we consider what it looks like to live boldly for Christ in our own lives. As we reflect on this message, pray that God will continue to transform us more into the image of Jesus.

Next Steps

Check out the [resources page](#) for links to several Bible reading plans and other helpful tools. Explore other opportunities for growth and transformation by checking out [courses](#).