
SERMON OUTLINE

True Bravery 1 Samuel 13:16-14:23

- I. Spiritual courage is needed when times are hard (1 Samuel 13:16-22).
 - A. Fear – Israel’s army was scattering (13:5-15).
 - B. Outmanned – Israel down to 600 soldiers (3:15)
 - C. Suffering – Philistines raiding Israel (13:16-18).
 - D. Lacking resources – No iron weapons (13:19-22)

- II. Spiritual courage is God-focused, not man-focused (1 Samuel 13:23-14:13).
 - A. Spiritual courage means acting when others won’t – Jonathan compared to Saul (13:23-14:3).
 - B. Spiritual courage means trusting God in spite of the odds – Just two men (14:4-12).
 - Willing to trust God with risk (4)
 - Confident in God, not our resources (5-7)
 - Expecting God’s will to be hard (8-12)
 - Planning to give credit to God (13)

- III. Spiritual courage is honored by God when we trust in God (1 Samuel 14: 13-23).
 - A. As we step out in faith, God steps in (13-15).
 - B. Sometimes we need to stop seeking God’s will and start doing it (16-19).
 - C. Someone must step out in faith first so others can join and learn to trust God also (20-23).

Is it time to act in faith?

- Knowledge and prayer – Truly open to God’s direction
- Counsel – God speaks to others who know me & situations.
- Motives – God’s glory, not mine, not greed, not frustration