

Game Changers

“Shock Wave”

1 Sam. 14:10-12: *“Jonathan said, ‘Come, then; we will cross over toward the men and let them see us.’⁹ If they say to us, ‘Wait there until we come to you,’ we will stay where we are and not go up to them.¹⁰ But if they say, ‘Come up to us,’ we will climb up, because that will be our sign that the LORD has given them into our hands.¹¹ So both of them showed themselves to the Philistine outpost. ‘Look!’ said the Philistines. ‘The Hebrews are crawling out of the holes they were hiding in.’¹² The men of the outpost shouted to Jonathan and his armor-bearer, ‘Come up to us and we’ll teach you a lesson.’ So Jonathan said to his armor-bearer, ‘Climb up after me; the LORD has given them into the hand of Israel.’”*

What Happens When I Follow God & Become a Game Changer?

1. I leave a surprising mark.

- **1 Sam. 14:13-14:** *“Jonathan climbed up, using his hands and feet, with his armor-bearer right behind him. The Philistines fell before Jonathan, and his armor-bearer followed and killed behind him.¹⁴ In that first attack Jonathan and his armor-bearer killed some twenty men in an area of about half an acre.”*

2. I ignite a supernatural reaction.

- **1 Sam. 14:15-17:** *“Then panic struck the whole army—those in the camp and field, and those in the outposts and raiding parties—and the ground shook. It was a panic sent by God.¹⁶ Saul’s lookouts at Gibeah in Benjamin saw the army melting away in all directions.¹⁷ Then Saul said to the men who were with him, ‘Mustering the forces and see who has left us.’ When they did, it was Jonathan and his armor-bearer who were not there.”*

3. I wake the spiritually dead.

- **1 Sam. 14:18-23:** *“Saul said to Ahijah, ‘Bring the ark of God.’ (At that time it was with the Israelites.)¹⁹ While Saul was talking to the priest, the tumult in the Philistine camp increased more and more. So Saul said to the priest, ‘Withdraw your hand.’²⁰ Then Saul and all his men assembled and went to the battle. They found the Philistines in total confusion, striking each other with their swords.²¹ Those Hebrews who had previously been with the Philistines and had gone up with them to their camp went over to the Israelites who were with Saul and Jonathan.²² When all the Israelites who had hidden in the hill country of Ephraim heard that the Philistines were on the run, they joined the battle in hot pursuit.²³ So the LORD rescued Israel that day, and the battle moved on beyond Beth Aven.”*