

Royal Redeemer Going Deeper Guide

Based on the sermon for November 20, 2022
Through You: Risk and Stewardship



For personal reflection or for use as a devotion with CGS Community or family

- **CONNECT** *with each other*

- When have you been in the right place at the right time to make a difference in someone's day? Big or small. Do you attribute that experience to God's working through you?

- **GROW** *in Christ*

1 One day Jonathan son of Saul said to his young armor-bearer, "Come, let's go over to the Philistine outpost on the other side." But he did not tell his father.

2 Saul was staying on the outskirts of Gibeah under a pomegranate tree in Migron. With him were about six hundred men, 3 among whom was Ahijah, who was wearing an ephod. He was a son of Ichabod's brother Ahitub son of Phinehas, the son of Eli, the Lord's priest in Shiloh. No one was aware that Jonathan had left.

4 On each side of the pass that Jonathan intended to cross to reach the Philistine outpost was a cliff; one was called Bozez and the other Seneh. 5 One cliff stood to the north toward Mikmash, the other to the south toward Geba.

6 Jonathan said to his young armor-bearer, "Come, let's go over to the outpost of those uncircumcised men. Perhaps the Lord will act in our behalf. Nothing can hinder the Lord from saving, whether by many or by few."

7 "Do all that you have in mind," his armor-bearer said. "Go ahead; I am with you heart and soul."

8 Jonathan said, "Come on, then; we will cross over toward them 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."

13 Jonathan climbed up, using his hands and feet, with his armor-bearer right behind him.

Genesis 39:1-6

1. What strikes you about this passage? What questions do you have?
2. What do you think stirred Jonathan out of his sleep? When have you had trouble sleeping?
3. Saul was the King of Israel, with 600 soldiers as his disposal, yet he is asleep under a pomegranate tree while the Philistines prepare to invade the promised land. If you were one of the soldiers, what would your impression of Saul be? Has something like this ever happened to you?
4. Jonathan and his armor bearer seemed to be in a fight they couldn't win. What would you have said to Jonathan if he had approached you with this "plan"?
5. The one thing that Jonathan knew was that God could save them if he chose to. How did Jonathan's decision to go into battle increase his faith? When has God put you in an environment where you

had to trust him for success?

- **SERVE** *others*

- This week is Thanksgiving. For many it is a time of celebrating the abundance God has brought into their lives, but for some it is a reminder that they do not have much. If you have more than you need, consider giving to an organization like Reach out Lakota and helping to make a difference in the life of another.

- **End with Prayer, the Lord's Prayer, or a short blessing.**