

<p>Getting Through What You're Going Through Faith of Leap November 5, 2017 Pastor Michael T. Sawicki Message Notes: Aldersgate UMC</p>	
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Without faith it is impossible to please God... Hebrews 11:6 (NIV)

Thriving in a Faith of Leap

1 Samuel 14:1-14

Fact #1 – We were Created for the Adventure of Faith.

One day Jonathan son of Saul said to the young man bearing his armor, “Come, let's go over to the Philistine outpost on the other side.” But he did not tell his father. 1 Samuel 14:1 (NIV)

Fact #2 – God expects Us to Leap Together.

Jonathan said to his young armor-bearer, “Come, let’s go over to the outpost of those uncircumcised fellows. Perhaps the LORD will act in our behalf. Nothing can hinder the LORD from saving, whether by many or by few.” “Do all that you have in mind,” his armor-bearer said. “Go ahead; I am with you heart and soul.” 1 Samuel 14:6-7 (NIV)

Jonathan said, “Come, then; we will cross over toward the men and let them see us. If they say to us, ‘Wait there until we come to you,’ we will stay where we are and not go up to them. 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.” 1 Samuel 14:8-10 (NIV)

Fact #3 – God is With Us.

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. In that first attack Jonathan and his armor-bearer killed some twenty men in an area of about half an acre. 1 Samuel 14:13-14 (NIV)

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. 1 Samuel 14:15 (NIV)

Saul’s lookouts...saw the army melting away in all directions. Then Saul said to the men who were with him, "Muster the forces..." 1 Samuel 14:16-17 (NIV)

When all the Israelites...heard that the Philistines were on the run, they joined the battle in hot pursuit. 1 Samuel 14:22 (NIV)