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**Topic: When God Abandons**

Scripture Text: 1 Samuel 14:1-52

1. If God is on our side, there is no fear and victory is sure. For an unbeliever, God is never on their side unless they repent and turn to Him. However, for a believer, if we live in sin, then our fellowship with God is broken and God is not on our side and we will be in deep trouble.
2. King Saul was a man after his own heart. His faith was not in God but rather in the priest's ephod which is really religious superstition. In contrast, his son Jonathan had faith in God and trusted in God to help him to fight the Philistines. God can give us victory whether by many or by few. Victory was given by God for Israel with only Jonathan and his armour-bearer to fight the Philistines.
3. When Saul saw the Philistines running away, he could not wait to enquire of God as he wanted to destroy the Philistines. Saul made a foolish oath that none of his soldiers could eat that day so they could fight the Philistines. Saul only cared for himself and his own glory.
4. Jonathan did not hear his father Saul's oath and ate honey on the ground. Later, it was known that Jonathan had done it and Saul wanted his son to die for breaking his oath. But the people prevented Saul from killing Jonathan. King Saul was blinded to his own sin and foolishness.
5. When we sin against God, we will be like Saul to make decisions of no spiritual insight and of no faith. We will lose favour with God and it is to the detriment of our soul.