

**SERVING MY FAMILY**  
**Part 1: FULLY ENGAGED**  
**May 3, 2020**

"We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers. We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ."  
1 Thessalonians 1:2-3 (NIV)

**ENGAGED**

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**ONESELF WITH SOMEONE OR SOMETHING.**

**TO BE FULLY ENGAGED DEMANDS ...**

"(Saul) took 2,000 of the chosen men with him to Micmash ... The other 1,000 went with Saul's son Jonathan to Gibeah ... Soon after this, Jonathan attacked and defeated the garrison of Philistines at Geba. The news spread quickly among the Philistines. So Saul blew the ram's horn throughout the land, saying, 'Hebrews, hear this! Rise up in revolt!' All Israel heard the news that Saul had destroyed the Philistine garrison at Geba and that the Philistines now hated the Israelites more than ever. So the entire Israelite army was summoned to join Saul at Gilgal."  
1 Samuel 13:2-4 (NLT)

"The Philistines mustered a mighty army of 3,000 chariots, 6,000 charioteers, and as many warriors as the grains of sand on the seashore! They camped at Micmash ... The men of Israel saw what a tight spot they were in; and because they were hard pressed by the enemy, they tried to hide in caves, thickets, rocks, holes, and cisterns. Some of them crossed the Jordan River and escaped into the land of Gad and Gilead."  
1 Samuel 13:5-7 (NLT)

"When Saul counted the men who were still with him, he found only 600 were left! Saul and Jonathan and the troops with them were staying at Geba ... The Philistines set up their camp at Micmash."  
1 Samuel 13:15-16 (NLT)

"There were no blacksmiths in the land of Israel in those days. The Philistines wouldn't allow them for fear they would make swords and spears for the Hebrews. So whenever the Israelites needed to sharpen their plowshares, picks, axes, or sickles, they had to take them to a Philistine blacksmith. The charges were as follows: a quarter of an ounce of silver for sharpening a plowshare or a pick, and an eighth of an ounce for sharpening an ax or making the point of an ox goad. So on the day of the battle none of the people of Israel had a sword or spear, except for Saul and Jonathan. The pass at Micmash had meanwhile been secured by a contingent of the Philistine army."  
1 Samuel 13:19-23 (NLT)

1. \_\_\_\_\_ **REGARDLESS OF THE** \_\_\_\_\_

"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. Saul was staying on the outskirts of Gibeah under a pomegranate tree in Migron. With him were about six hundred men ... No one was aware that Jonathan had left."  
I Samuel 14:1-3 (NIV)

"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."  
I Samuel 14:4 (NIV)

"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.'"  
I Samuel 14:6 (NIV)

2. \_\_\_\_\_ IN THE PRESENCE OF \_\_\_\_\_

- **FULL ENGAGEMENT WILL REQUIRE ME, AT SOME POINT, TO ENTER INTO THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF THE \_\_\_\_\_.**

"How could one man chase a thousand, or two put ten thousand to flight, unless their Rock had sold them, unless the LORD had given them up? For their rock is not like our Rock, as even our enemies concede."  
Deuteronomy 32:30-31 (NIV)

3. \_\_\_\_\_ TO \_\_\_\_\_

"Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will never pass away."  
Matthew 24:35 (NIV)

"The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures forever."  
Isaiah 40:8 (NIV)

- **WHEN I WONDER WHAT \_\_\_\_\_, I NEED TO LOOK AT WHAT \_\_\_\_\_.**

"Do all that you have in mind," his armor-bearer said. 'Go ahead; I am with you heart and soul.'  
I Samuel 14:7 (NIV)

4. \_\_\_\_\_ AS MY \_\_\_\_\_

"We love because He first loved us."  
I John 4:19 (NIV)

"My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command."  
John 15:12-14 (NIV)

"Jonathan said, 'Come on, then; we will cross over toward them 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.'"  
I Samuel 14:8-10 (NIV)

"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.' 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.' 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."

I Samuel 14:11-13 (NIV)

"In that first attack Jonathan and his armor-bearer killed some twenty men in an area of about half an acre. 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."

I Samuel 14:14-15 (NIV)

#### **NEXT STEPS**

- 1. Discover what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ.**
  - **Check the box on your CONNECT Card**
- 2. Sign-up to be baptized - date to be determined.**
  - **Check the box on your CONNECT Card**
- 3. If I am a follower of Jesus Christ, I will fully engage with my Church Family by loving and serving them and by sharing my faith with others.**
  - **To engage with serving the Church Family, check the box on your CONNECT Card marked SERVING OPPORTUNITIES.**
- 4. Pray that the coronavirus will be contained, for those who have contracted it, for wisdom for our leaders, and for the GNG Family to be able to meet together again soon.**