

**A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study**

**Date: June 1, 2022**

**1 Samuel 14:24-35**

1. What happened in last week's study?
  - a. Raiding parties were going out from the Philistine camps.
  - b. The Hebrews had no weapons, so they had to turn their farm implements into weapons.
  - c. Jonathan and his armor-bearer crossed enemy lines and started something...and they routed the Philistines...God saved Israel and Israel advanced forward toward victory.
  
2. What do we learn in verse 24 about the joy of Israel's victory?
  - a. It doesn't seem like it was there.
  - b. Israel was distressed instead of joyous.
  
3. Why, according to 14:24, were the Israelites in distress? \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. What happened in 14:25-28?
  - a. The entire army entered the woods, and there was honey on the ground.
  - b. No one touched the honey because they feared the oath that Saul had bound them under.
  - c. Jonathan had not heard that his father had bound the people with the oath.
  - d. Jonathan ate the honey.
  - e. One of the soldiers told Jonathan about the oath.
  - f. One of the soldiers told Jonathan, "That is why the men are faint."
  
5. How did Jonathan respond, according to verses 29-30? \_\_\_\_\_  
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6. What happened in verses 31-35?
  - a. They struck down the Philistines and they were exhausted.
  - b. They pounced on the plunder, butchered the animals, and ate them right there on the ground, blood and all.
  - c. Saul intervened and had a stone brought in order for the men to butcher the animals.
  
7. Why was what the men were doing a problem (see Leviticus 17:13-14)? \_\_\_\_\_  
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8. Why did the soldiers do this?
  - a. They didn't care about God or his law.
  - b. They were hungry...this was really all Saul's fault.
  - c. I think that Jonathan's rebellious attitude started this all.
  - d. Does it matter? They were doing something they shouldn't and they will be held accountable.
  
9. How did Saul respond?
  - a. He struck everyone down who had been doing this.
  - b. He allowed them to continue since they were obviously hungry, so it justified their disregard for God's law.
  - c. He had a large stone rolled over so that they could slaughter the animals properly and drain the blood.
  
10. This is an interesting leadership case study. We are not told within the text what God thought of any of these decisions or behaviors. This definitely seems like a dysfunctional situation.  
Was Saul right to put the people under oath? \_\_\_\_\_  
What do we think of Jonathan's response to Saul's oath? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- How do we feel about Saul's response to the men's breaking of God's law? \_\_\_\_\_  
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11. What do you think God would have you do in situations like this? \_\_\_\_\_

**A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study**  
**Date: June 8, 2022**  
**1 Samuel 14:36-52**

Review the first part of this Bible Study from last week and pick up where we left off:

12. What did Saul say in verse 36-37? \_\_\_\_\_  
How did the people respond? \_\_\_\_\_  
What did the priests say? \_\_\_\_\_
13. Do you ever get ahead of things and ask people what you should do and neglect asking God? \_\_\_\_\_  
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14. When Saul followed the priest's advice, how did God respond? \_\_\_\_\_  
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15. What did Saul do when God did not respond in verses 38-42? \_\_\_\_\_  
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16. There is an assumption by Saul that the reason God was not responding was sin. Do you think this is true? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Explain. \_\_\_\_\_  
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- Would this cause God to not respond? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Explain. \_\_\_\_\_  
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- Is this always the reason God doesn't respond? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Explain. \_\_\_\_\_  
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17. What did Saul do when it became clear that it was his own son Jonathan that had sinned, according to verses 34-44? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- Do you think Saul was happy with his oaths at this point? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Explain. \_\_\_\_\_  
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- Were his oaths from God or were they impulsive? \_\_\_\_\_  
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18. What happened, according to verses 45, when Saul was ready to kill Jonathon? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- Was God with Jonathon like the men said? \_\_\_\_\_  
Was justice served? \_\_\_\_\_
19. What happened in verse 46? \_\_\_\_\_  
Why do you think Saul stopped pursuing the Philistines? \_\_\_\_\_
20. Verses 47-52 feel like a summary of this section of Saul's life and a transition into a new part of this book. We have learned a lot about God's anointing and Saul's obedience (and disobedience). What should we take away from this section? \_\_\_\_\_  
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