

THE FALL OF SAUL, PART 2: FAILING TO SUBMIT

1 Samuel 14:1–52

Faith is often tested in quiet, ordinary moments—when the way forward feels uncertain, when waiting stretches patience, and when doing *something* seems easier than trusting someone. In those moments, it is possible to be sincere, active, and even religious, while slowly drifting from simple dependence on the word of the Lord. Scripture speaks tenderly but clearly to that condition, reminding God’s people that faith is not measured by urgency or output, but by trust and obedience. In 1 Samuel 14, two ways of relating to God are set side by side. One is marked by restlessness, noise, and a desire to secure outcomes; the other by humility, restraint, and confidence in the Lord’s power to act according to his will. The contrast invites careful reflection—not on how much is being done for God, but on whether hearts are quietly resting in him, listening for his voice, and moving forward in trust rather than fear.

Scene 1: The Attack 14:1–15

Scene 2: The Confusion 14:16–23

Scene 3: The Oath 14:24–46

Scene 4: The King 14:47–52