**SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE**

CONFIDENCE IN THE LORD

I SAMUEL 14:1-23

AUGUST 13TH, 2023

1. The Contrasted Leaders: vs. 1-3
2. An Unshakeable Confidence: vs. 4-7
3. The Courageous Plan: vs. 8-14
4. The Saving Hand of the Lord: vs. 15-23
5. Application: four ways to cultivate deep confidence in the Lord
6. Ground your confidence in the character of God
7. Build on an array of theological truths about God
8. Trust God with the long view in mind
9. Express deep devotion to God

**Questions:**

1. How would you define “confidence in the Lord”? How is confidence in the Lord different than self-confidence? Assign each person one of the following passages, give the group 5-7 minutes, and come back and provide insight into what confidence in the Lord means from each passage:
	* Proverbs 3:5-6, 26
	* Hebrews 13:6
	* 1 John 3:20-22 (NIV)
	* Psalm 27:1-3
	* Philippians 1:6
	* Proverbs 14:26
2. What does it look for someone to live the Christian life without having a deep confidence in God?
3. Why is there such a clear contrast between Saul and Jonathan and what are some of the differences you saw throughout chapters 13-14?
4. Jonathan’s example of having deep confidence in God that led to great devotion was showcased in this chapter. What challenges you the most from his declaration in vs. 6? Why is the phrase “it may be” from vs. 6 so important in our theology?
5. Why is it good to be reminded that “nothing can hinder the Lord”? Is there something in your life that you are walking through whereby you need to apply that truth?
6. Review the four ways to cultivate deep confidence in the Lord and have each person share which one was most beneficial and why.