

THE ARMORBEARER 1 Samuel 14:1 & 7 (NKJV)

Establishing the KOG is never accomplished by just one. It is established by people working together. A&E were blessed by God. Paul speaks about the church body. Another example we see in our passage is the Armorbearer.

1 Samuel 14:1 (NKJV) Now it happened one day that Jonathan the son of Saul said to the young man who bore his armor, "Come, let us go over to the Philistines' garrison that *is* on the other side." But he did not tell his father.

1 Samuel 14:7 (NKJV) So his armorbearer said to him, "Do all that is in your heart. Go then; here I am with you, according to your heart."

I THE NEED FOR ARMORBEARER MEN

A- The role and purpose of the armor bearer was one of close proximity and trust.

1. The word means to *lift, carry, raise...* These men were linked together with their leader.
 - a. They would follow their leader into battle and carry extra weapons and supplies, and they would slay those wounded by their masters with a club or heavier sword.
2. 18 times the word armorbearer is found in the Bible.
 - a. Here we read of a loyal man to Jonathan, David was armorbearer to Saul, Joab had Zelek & Naharai-
3. These men were vital to the leader, the army, and the battle.

B- What does that office look like today-

1. Armorbearers could be Pastors & Assistants... Pastors and Disciples/CD... Concert Director & Disciples-
 - a. A relationship that serves in the battle together, and a relationship of common bond and vision.
 - b. There are things in this office that I take on... There were things as disciples we carried together!
2. See, there is a need to carry the load of establishing the KOG and Dominion
 - a. In Exodus we see Aaron & Hur serve in an armor bearer capacity when they held up the arms of Moses against Amalekites
 - b. No one person can do it alone- **1 Samuel 14:1 (NKJV)** Jonathan said to the young man who bore his armor, "Come, let us go over to the Philistines' garrison that *is* on the other side."

II THE ACTIVE & READY ARMORBEARER

A- This armor bearer in our story had a readiness!

1. Jonathan in a moment of inspiration said LETS GO, and he was ready; **1 Samuel 14:7**
 - a. There wasn't a hesitation or a discussion, there was an immediate willingness.

B- This is what we need today... Men that are active and ready!

1. During the revolutionary war, farmers, fathers, common men became known as Minutemen, ready at any moment to respond.
2. See, the armorbearer was a lifestyle... not a longing. They lived for the fight, equipped for the fight, followed into the fight-
3. What is your view on this? Some men focus on the Send me, Announce me, Give me the mic, Put me in charge...
 - a. But you don't outreach, you don't serve, you don't pray for the sick, you don't work with converts...
 - i. You aren't in the fight NOW! Live today how you want to live tomorrow!
4. Jonathan had a confidence in his armorbearer to ask him to go- and his heart was with him-
 - a. Do you have your Pastors Heart? Do you have his vision? Do you value what he values? Do you love what he loves?
 - i. If its missing, ask God for it, ask questions, Partner with, get involved, step out! Live the armorbearer lifestyle

III THE ARMORBEARER & VICTORY:

A- The victory of the armor bearer is seen in this story-

1. **1 Samuel 14:14** That first slaughter which Jonathan and his armorbearer made was about twenty men within about half an acre of land.
 - a. As he partnered in the vision and fight of Jonathan, he shared in the victory!
 - i. He was linked with him and it is recorded for eternity-

B- Secondly, he shared in Jonathans dominion; **1 Samuel 14:15** And there was trembling in the camp, in the field, and among all the people. The garrison and the raiders also trembled; and the earth quaked, so that it was a very great trembling.

1. A trembling... The enemy feared Jonathan and his armorbearer... those in the camp, the field, and all the people, the garrison and the raiders... these are some intense enemies, but they knew exactly who was working against them-
2. See, when you link hearts with your pastor, his victories become your own... his spirit and vision becomes yours and there is a supernatural element transfers to you!

C- So the challenge is, will you be an armorbearer? Will you live ready, get active and take the battle to the gates?

1. Will you make a decision to link your heart with your pastors, with your concert director, with your brethren?