Rising Above Mediocrity- Seize Your Moment
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1 Samuel 14

"One day Jonathan said to his armor bearer, "Come on, let's go over to where the Philistines have their outpost." But Jonathan did not tell his father what he was doing. [2] Meanwhile, Saul and his 600 men were camped on the outskirts of Gibeah, around the pomegranate tree at Migron… [6] "Let's go across to the outpost of those pagans," Jonathan said to his armor bearer. "Perhaps the Lord will help us, for nothing can hinder the Lord. He can win a battle whether he has many warriors or only a few!" [7] "Do what you think is best," the armor bearer replied. "I'm with you completely, whatever you decide." [8] "All right, then," Jonathan told him. "We will cross over and let them see us. [9] If they say to us, 'Stay where you are or we'll kill you,' then we will stop and not go up to them. [10] But if they say, 'Come on up and fight,' then we will go up. That will be the Lord's sign that he will help us defeat them." [11] When the Philistines saw them coming, they shouted, "Look! The Hebrews are crawling out of their holes!" [12] Then the men from the outpost shouted to Jonathan, "Come on up here, and we'll teach you a lesson!" "Come on, climb right behind me," Jonathan said to his armor bearer, "for the Lord will help us defeat them!" [13] So they climbed up using both hands and feet, and the Philistines fell before Jonathan, and his armor bearer killed those who came behind them. [14] They killed some twenty men in all, and their bodies were scattered over about half an acre. [15] Suddenly, panic broke out in the Philistine army, both in the camp and in the field, including even the outposts and raiding parties. And just then an earthquake struck, and everyone was terrified… [23] So the Lord saved Israel that day…"

Divine opportunities often come disguised as ordinary moments.

Divine opportunities can only be seized by faith.

Divine opportunities are never primarily about us.

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