

CRAZY FOR GOD

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1 Samuel 14:1-15

In our text, King Saul is reclining in the shade of a pomegranate tree. He is eating fruit when he should have been fighting the enemy. But Saul has a son by the name of Jonathan who was tired of waiting for the enemy to attack; he decided it was time to attack the enemy.

Some people play not to lose and other people play to win. There is a difference between fear and faith. If you let fear dictate your decisions, you will live defensively, reactively, and cautiously. Living by faith is playing offense with your life.

Jonathan decides to take the fight to the enemy. What he decided to do was crazy, but it was holy crazy. He was crazy for God.

If you are crazy for God, you can expect to be criticized, you can expect to be mocked and made fun of, you can expect for people to laugh at you and what you want to do to advance the Kingdom of God.

Let me ask you something. Would you rather be crazy for God or just be normal? All some people want to ever be is "normal." They have no aspiration or inspiration to be or do anything great for God.

The other 11 disciples thought Peter was crazy for stepping over the side of the boat to walk on the water to go to Jesus. I'm sure they probably called him some bad names and maybe even started mocking him as he began to sink, but Peter walked on water and they didn't!

Have you ever noticed how that the people who criticize water walkers do so from the comfortable confines of the boat?

David's brothers criticized him for being willing to fight the giant, but David ended up making headlines while his fearful brothers stay on the sidelines.

The crowd probably made fun of Zachees climbing up the tree to see Jesus, but who did Jesus go home with that day?

Saul was content to stay where he was; Jonathan wanted to go to the other side and it was Jonathan who won the victory.

Is there a battle that you need to fight? Is God asking you to do something that others might think is crazy? Put your trust in God and He will fight for you!