



# WHAT ARE YOU AFRAID OF?

*“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to **obey** everything I have commanded you.” — Matthew 28:19-20a*

*“The Baptist Church of Franklin exists to make **more** and **better** followers of Jesus Christ.” — BCF Membership Binder*

## **OBSERVE and REFLECT**

### **Read 1 Samuel 13:23-14:14**

- Why were the Israelites at war with the Philistines? Use your study resources to answer this question.
- How does the author of the story immediately create a contrast between Jonathan and his father, King Saul?
- What do Jonathan’s words in 14:6 and 14:8-10 reveal about his attitude toward God in this situation?

## **OBEY**

1. In what ways might fear keep us from serving God?
2. Describe a time when you had to face your fears. What was the outcome? How did you feel afterwards?
3. We are all called serve God courageously, but we may not all be like Jonathan. How does the character of the armor bearer highlight the different ways we can serve God?
4. Comment on the following quote from the poet Karle Wilson Baker: "*Courage is just fear that has said its prayers.*"

## **\*\*Weekly Bonus Questions\*\***

- What's one "a-ha" moment you've taken away from this discussion?
- What's one thing you should do differently this week because of what you've learned here?