

# 1 Samuel 14:2

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And Saul tarried in the uttermost part of Gibeah under a pomegranate tree which is in Migron: and the people that were with him were about six hundred men;

## Analysis

**And Saul tarried in the uttermost part of Gibeah under a pomegranate tree which is in Migron: and the people that were with him were about six hundred men;**

While Jonathan prepares to advance, Saul 'tarried' (yoshev) 'in the uttermost part of Gibeah under a pomegranate tree.' The contrast could not be sharper: the king sits passively while his son advances in faith. The mention of 'about six hundred men' recalls the depleted force from chapter 13 - Saul has gained nothing through his failed sacrifice. The pomegranate tree at Migron creates a picture of royal inaction, the king literally 'sitting it out' while his kingdom crumbles.

## Historical Context

Pomegranate trees provided shade in the hot Palestinian climate. The location 'in the uttermost part of Gibeah' suggests Saul positioned himself as far as possible from the Philistine threat while maintaining a presence. This defensive posture contrasts with Jonathan's offensive action.

## Related Passages

**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

**Psalm 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

## Study Questions

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1. What causes leaders to become passive when decisive action is needed?
2. How does fear of failure produce the very failure it fears?

## Interlinear Text

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וְשָׁא	לִ	וַיֵּשֶׁב	בְּקָצָה	הַ	בְּקָצָה	הַ	בְּגִבְעָה	הַ	תְּחִתְּ	תְּחִתְּ	תְּחִתְּ
<b>And Saul</b>	<b>tarried</b>	<b>in the uttermost</b>		<b>part of Gibeah</b>					<b>H8478</b>		
H7586	H3427	H7097		H1390							
בְּמִגְרָן	וְיִ	בְּמִגְרָן	וְיִ	וְיִ	וְיִ	וְיִ	וְיִ	וְיִ	וְיִ	וְיִ	וְיִ
<b>under a pomegranate tree</b>		<b>H834</b>	<b>which is in Migron</b>	<b>and the people</b>					<b>H834</b>		
H7416		H4051		H5971							
וְעַמְּ	וְעַמְּ	כֶּשֶׁ	כֶּשֶׁ	מֵא	וְתִ	מֵא	וְתִ	אִישׁ:			
<b>H5973</b>	<b>that were with him were about six</b>		<b>H8337</b>	<b>hundred</b>	<b>men</b>						
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