

1 Samuel 14:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

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The armor-bearer's response - 'Do all that is in thine heart: turn thee; behold, I am with thee according to thy heart' - models faithful followership. He commits fully to Jonathan's initiative without demanding guarantees of success. The phrase 'according to thy heart' (kil'vaveka) indicates complete alignment of purpose. Such wholehearted partnership in faith ventures magnifies courage and enables action that neither could accomplish alone. The unnamed armor-bearer becomes a hero by supporting Jonathan's faith.

Historical Context

The armor-bearer's response reflects ancient Near Eastern warrior codes where loyalty unto death was expected. His willingness to follow Jonathan into certain danger exemplifies the bond between warrior and attendant. This relationship anticipates David and Jonathan's later friendship.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Study Questions

1. How does faithful followership enable courageous leadership?
2. What does it mean to be 'with someone according to their heart' in spiritual ventures?

Interlinear Text

אָשָׁר	רְ	כִּלְ	עֲשֵׂה	הָ	כִּלְ	אָמַר
said	H0	And his armourbearer		H3627	unto him Do	H3605
H559		H5375			H6213	H834
כָּלְבָבְךָ		הָנֶן	יְ	לְ	רָ	נַעֲשֵׂה
all that is in thine heart		turn	H0	H2005	H5973	all that is in thine heart
H3824		H5186			H3824	

Additional Cross-References

2 Samuel 7:3 (Parallel theme): And Nathan said to the king, Go, do all that is in thine heart; for the LORD is with thee.