

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'veveka) 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

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

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

אָמַר	לֹ	נִשְׂא	כָּל יוֹ	עָשָׂה	כָּל	אִשְׁרֵךְ
said	H0	And his armourbearer	H3627	unto him Do	H3605	H834
H559		H5375		H6213		
כָּל־בְּרֵךְ:	נָטָה	לְךָ	הִנֵּנִי	עִמָּךְ	כָּל־בְּרֵךְ:	
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.