

# 1 Samuel 14:8

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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Jonathan proposes a sign (ot) to determine God's will: they will reveal themselves to the Philistines and interpret their response as divine guidance. This seeking of confirmation demonstrates that faith ventures should not proceed on mere impulse but seek God's direction. Jonathan's plan combines bold initiative with humble dependence on divine guidance. The willingness to 'discover ourselves unto them' accepts vulnerability as part of the faith test.

## Historical Context

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Seeking signs for divine guidance was common in ancient Israel (Judges 6:36-40; 1 Samuel 6:7-9). Jonathan's proposed sign differs from demanding God prove Himself; instead, it seeks discernment for a course of action already motivated by faith.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

## Study Questions

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1. How do you seek divine confirmation for faith initiatives?
2. What is the difference between testing God and seeking His guidance?

## Interlinear Text

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Then said	Jonathan	הִנֵּה הַיְהוּ נָגְנָת   וְיִאמְרָה	Behold we will pass over	אֶל
H559	H3083	H2009	H587	H413
unto these men	and we will discover	אֶלְيָקְמָן:	וְנִגְלַל יְנָנוּ	בְּאֶתְשׁ יִמּ
H582	H1540		H413	H5674