



## Leader Conversation Guide – The Faith of Maybe

### Main Idea

Faith often requires stepping forward before we have all the answers. In 1 Samuel 14, we see Jonathan facing uncertainty, limited resources, and overwhelming odds—yet choosing to trust God anyway. With a simple but powerful “perhaps,” Jonathan demonstrates a faith that doesn’t wait for perfect conditions, but confidently rests in the power and sovereignty of God.

This week’s message reminded us that living a life of faith means trusting who God is, even when we’re unsure of what He will do. It’s a faith that believes God is capable, stays connected to God’s people, commits to the process, and remains convinced of God’s plan. As we begin our discussion, let’s ask God to strengthen our faith in the midst of uncertainty and give us the courage to take obedient steps—even when all we have is a “maybe.”

**“Let’s go across to the outpost of those pagans,” Jonathan said to his armor bearer. “Perhaps the Lord will help us, for nothing can hinder the Lord. He can win a battle whether he has many warriors or only a few.” I SAMUEL 14:6**

### Make it Practical: How Do I Care for People this Year?

#### 1. Faith Trusts God’s Power Even When the Outcome is Unclear

- Jonathan stepped out with a “perhaps,” not a guarantee, believing God was still able.
- Faith isn’t confidence in results—it’s confidence in who God is.
- God is not limited by resources, numbers, or circumstances.
- Scripture: 1 Samuel 14:6; Jeremiah 32:17; Matthew 19:26

#### 2. Faith is Strengthened through Godly Relationships

- Jonathan didn’t step out alone—his armor bearer stood with him “heart and soul.”
- God often uses community to reinforce courage and obedience.
- True faith-filled relationships are revealed most clearly in difficult moments.
- Scripture: 1 Samuel 14:7; Proverbs 17:17; John 15:13

#### 3. Faith Commits to the Process and Trusts God with the Results

- Jonathan acted, followed through, and trusted God to do what only He could do.
- Obedience often comes before clarity.
- When God moves, His plan impacts more than just the person who stepped out in faith.
- Scripture: 1 Samuel 14:8–15; 1 Samuel 14:20–23; Ephesians 3:20

## Talk About It

- Jonathan was willing to move forward with only a “perhaps” from God, not a promise. Where in your life do you feel God inviting you to take a step of faith without having all the details or certainty you’d like?
- The armor bearer chose to stand with Jonathan wholeheartedly, even in a risky moment. How have relationships—past or present—either strengthened or weakened your willingness to trust God in challenging seasons?
- When Jonathan acted in obedience, God used that step to impact an entire nation. How does remembering God’s bigger plan help you stay faithful in small or unseen steps of obedience?

**“I don’t know if God is going to do it,  
but I do know He’s capable.”**

## Prayer

God, thank You for reminding us that our faith doesn’t have to be perfect for You to be powerful. Help us trust You in moments of uncertainty and give us the courage to take obedient steps, even when we don’t have all the answers. Strengthen our faith, deepen our trust, and help us walk forward confident in who You are and what You can do. We place our lives in Your hands and commit to following You wherever You lead. In Jesus’ name, amen.

## Next Steps

Identify your “maybe” step of faith.

- Take time to pray and ask God where He may be inviting you to trust Him without full certainty. Write down one specific step you sense God prompting you to take and commit it to prayer.

Invite someone into your faith journey.

- Share what God is stirring in you with a trusted friend, group member, or leader. Ask them to pray with you and stand with you as you step out in faith, just as Jonathan’s armor bearer did.

Act in obedience and leave the results to God.

- Take the step God has placed in front of you—no matter how small—while trusting Him with the outcome. Practice obedience daily by reminding yourself that God is capable, even when the outcome is uncertain.