

How Many Leaders Are Needed for A Battle?

"Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me", John 14:1.

Historically, from the records of the Judges, the Israelite Nation would have been aware that doing it God's Way was a guaranteed success.

Consider, for a minute, the following points,

1. Samuel, a prophet, was God's appointed leader,
 2. The inhabitants of this young nation adopted the saying, "We will do it our way, we want a king we can see",
 3. God, speaking through Samuel, conceded to their request,
- From then until now, the Israelites have had to walk a road that has been full of potholes, difficult to pass through because of rock falls, or totally blocked by landslides for extended periods.

Saul started well. He walked with God, and sought God's Commands through Samuel.

Then came a time when Saul started to retreat from God. This action also set the scene for Saul to retreat to a point that would place Saul well away from his enemies, the Philistines.

Saul's eldest son, Jonathan, took the opposite path. Jonathan - relying on God to help rid the area of a heathen army - with his armour bearer attacked a Philistine garrison, killing about twenty men.

Jonathan did exactly what Samuel kept exhorting the Israelites to do, RELY ON GOD, not a human king.

Jonathan, by his knowledge of the Israelite history, knew that the Judges, as they led the Israelites through various battles, were relying upon God's Divine leading.

Thus Jonathan's words to his armour bearer were not, "Let us give it a try", but "Let us move by faith, and be obedient to the duty God has called us to fulfill."

The Israelites were circumcised, and had a blood covenant ensuring God's protection in their battles.

The Philistines were not circumcised, but were prepared to be obedient to their god's command of "slaughter God's People".

Two valiant Israelites, relying on God honouring their fleece to Him, were invited to enter the Philistine camp, to obtain the victory God had given them.

To answer the question at the top of this article, the answer is a resounding JUST ONE.

When God instructs us, "Why do so many sit back and wait to see if someone else will step up and go?"