

Food for Thought for the week of August 9/10, 2025

1 Samuel 14, Acts 21, Ephesians 3:20,

1. As we think about Pastor Heath's message from this weekend, let start with 1 Samuel 14:6-12

- How does Jonathan's willingness to act on "perhaps" (v.6) redefine faith? What does his lack of guarantees reveal about his view of God's character?
- Where in your life are you waiting for certainty instead of stepping out in "perhaps" faith? What practical fear or excuse holds you back?

2. Now let's look at Acts 21:10-14; Philippians 1:12-14

- How does Paul's response to warnings about imprisonment (Acts 21:13) contrast with worldly definitions of success?
- What does Philippians 1:12-14 reveal about God's purpose in "failed" outcomes?

- Recall a time when a “closed door” or disappointment led to unexpected growth. How might this shift your view of current risks?

3. Let's continue with Matthew 14:28-31

- What does Peter's request (“command me to come”) reveal about the relationship between faith and action?
- How does Jesus' response to his sinking redefine failure?
- What “boat” (comfort zone) have you refused to leave because of fear? What first step could you take this week?

5. Let's finish with Luke 5:4-6

- Why does Jesus ask Peter to cast nets after a fruitless night (v.5)? How does Peter's reluctant obedience (“because you say so”) model faith?
- What “empty net” situation are you facing where God might be asking you to try again? What would it look like to trust His timing over your expertise?