



CHURCHALIVE

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***Foundations 301:  
Sons and Daughters vs. Church Members***



## JONATHAN'S ARMOR BEARER

*Then Jonathan said to the young man who bore his armor, "Come, let us go over to the garrison of these uncircumcised; it may be that the LORD will work for us. For nothing restrains the LORD from saving by many or by few." <sup>7</sup> So his armorbearer said to him, "Do all that is in your heart. Go then; here I am with you, according to your heart."*

*Vision of Church Alive begins with Matthew 16:18, "I will build my church and the gates of hell will not prevail against it." **1 Samuel 14:6-7 (NKJV)***

- Jonathan's armor bearer wanted to be a part of something bigger than himself
- He sensed something special was about to take place
- He believed in his leader

## JONATHAN WITH DAVID

*Now when he had finished speaking to Saul, the soul of Jonathan was knit to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul. <sup>2</sup> Saul took him that day, and would not let him go home to his father's house anymore. <sup>3</sup> Then Jonathan and David made a covenant, because he loved him as his own soul. <sup>4</sup> And Jonathan took off the robe that was on him and gave it to David, with his armor, even to his sword and his bow and his belt. **1 Samuel 18:1-4 (NKJV)***

## DAVID AND SAUL

*So David came to Saul and stood before him. And he loved him greatly, and he became his armorbearer. **1 Samuel 16:21 (NKJV)***

*Then the men of David said to him, "This is the day of which the LORD said to you, 'Behold, I will deliver your enemy into your hand, that you may do to him as it seems good to you.'" And David arose and secretly cut off a corner of Saul's robe. <sup>5</sup> Now it happened afterward that David's heart troubled him because he had cut Saul's robe. <sup>6</sup> And he said to his men, "The LORD forbid that I should do this thing to my master, the LORD'S anointed, to stretch out my hand against him, seeing he is the anointed of the LORD." **1 Samuel 24:4-6 (NKJV)***



## PAUL SPOKE OF SPIRITUAL FATHERS IN THE CHURCH

*For though you might have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet you do not have many fathers; for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel. 1 Corinthians 4:15 (NKJV)*

- There may be many instructors in Christ but only a Father will have the best in heart for the children.

*And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. <sup>10</sup> Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith. Galatians 6:9-10 (NKJV)*

## CHARACTERISTICS OF SONS & DAUGHTERS VS. CHURCH MEMBERS

- Sons and daughters build up the house of God, church members sit in the house.
- Sons and daughters are covenant people; church members are drifters.
- Sons and daughters seek the success of the vision, church members seek position.
- Sons and daughters are family oriented, church members are issue oriented.
- Sons and daughters use the language of family; church members use the language of an individual (self).
- Sons and daughters honor the chain of command in leadership, church members always question the chain of command.
- Sons and daughters bond new people to the family and the vision, church member's bond people to themselves.
- Sons and daughters focus on the welfare of the people, church members focus only on themselves.
- Sons and daughters are transparent; they freely share their innermost thoughts and feelings, church members are introverted and will tell you only what they want you to know and hear.
- Sons and daughters are secure and can handle correction, discipline and change, half-hearted church members are blame-shifters.