

Date: June 21, 2026 — 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM

Sermon: “*Like Father, Like Son*”

A Study in God’s Word Based on 1 Samuel 13:23-14:52

The expression “like father, like son” is actually a proverb. According to the dictionary, it means that “a son’s character or behavior can be expected to resemble that of his father.” Sometimes that is true (think, for example, of Donald Trump, Jr. following in his father’s footsteps as a business tycoon), but not always. This morning’s Father’s Day Bible lesson revolves around a sharp contrast between a father (Israel’s King Saul, v. 2) and his first-born son (Jonathan, v. 49). The differences in character and behavior between the two were striking, especially in the spiritual realm. Consider what stands out here in this regard in the text before us:

I. Jonathan was **WALKING** with the Lord; Saul was not – 13:23-14:3

II. Jonathan **RELIED** on the Lord; Saul did not — 14:4-14:7

Jonathan’s faith in (dependence on) the Lord manifested itself in three distinct ways in this tension-filled situation:

A. He sized up his problems from God’s **PERSPECTIVE** — v. 6a

B. He submitted to the Lord’s **WILL** for his life and people — v. 6b

C. He sang the Lord’s praises as the God of limitless **POWER** — v. 6c