

# The Catalyst

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# I Samuel 14:1-23

*The Israelites are facing bad odds, 600 men against:*

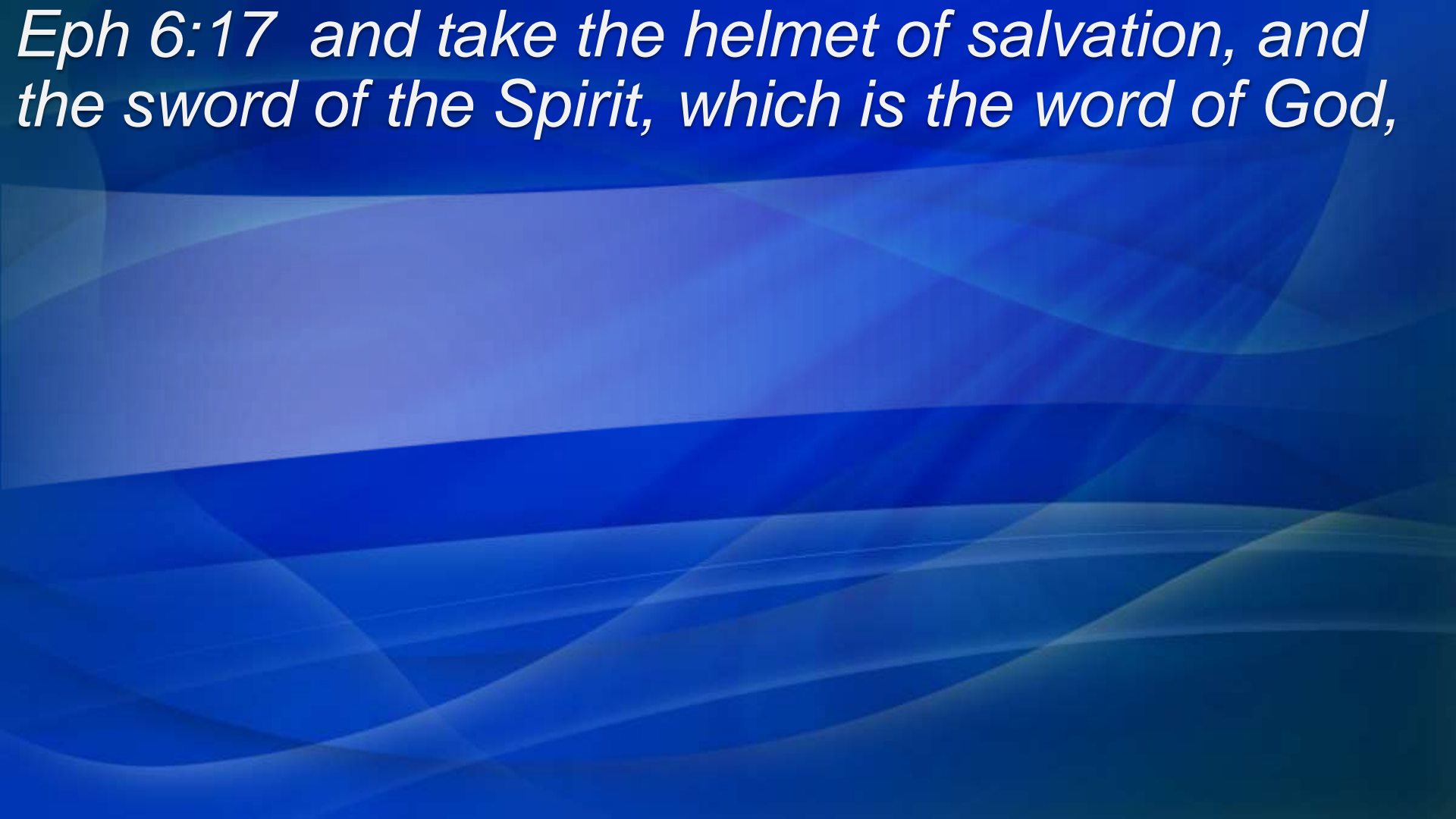
- *thirty thousand chariots*
- *six thousand horsemen*
- *troops like the sand on the seashore in multitude.*

# 1) A Kingdom Issue

*1Sa 13:22 So on the day of the battle there was neither sword nor spear found in the hand of any of the people with Saul and Jonathan, but Saul and Jonathan his son had them.*

*Eph 6:12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.*

*Eph 6:17 and take the helmet of salvation, and  
the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God,*

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*Heb 4:12 For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.*

**Point 1: What Kingdom are you of?**

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## 2.) The Catalyst

*1Sa 14:6 Jonathan said to the young man who carried 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 can hinder the LORD from saving by many or by few."*

The Bible is full of stories about people who took risks for God.

- Mat 4:19 And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."
- Act 13:2 While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them."
- Act 3:6 But Peter said, "I have no silver and gold, but what I do have I give to you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk!"
- Act 8:29 And the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and join this chariot."

*1Sa 14:13 Then Jonathan climbed up on his hands and feet, and his armor-bearer after him. And they fell before Jonathan, and his armor-bearer killed them after him.*

*1Sa 14:15 And there was a panic in the camp, in the field, and among all the people. The garrison and even the raiders trembled, the earth quaked, and it became a very great panic.*

*1Sa 14:20 Then Saul and all the people who were with him rallied and went into the battle. And behold, every Philistine's sword was against his fellow, and there was very great confusion.*

**Point 2: You can be a catalyst!**

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### **3.) A can do spirit.**

*1Sa 14:7 And his armor-bearer said to him, "Do all that is in your heart. Do as you wish. Behold, I am with you heart and soul."*

*1Sa 14:13 Then Jonathan climbed up on his hands and feet, and his armor-bearer after him. And they fell before Jonathan, and his armor-bearer killed them after him*



# Can do people in the Bible

- Barnabas
- Timothy
- Titus
- Epaphroditus
- Prisca and Aquila
- Even John Mark

**Point 3: Have a can do spirit.**

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