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BIBLE ADVENTURES SCRIPT:

A1471 ~ Samson Destroys 3000 Philistines.

Welcome to Bible Adventures. Help for today. Hope for tomorrow. Jesus is Lord of all.

The man was thrilled with his first new motorbike. He got to work quicker and had more time to do other things. After some time the bike became hard to start. The man was so busy he did not check it. Then one day, the bike wouldn't start at all. The man struggled to push it up over the hills and was late for work. The bike's problem? Its battery was flat and could no longer power the engine.

Samson too, knew what it was like to run out of strength and power, through carelessness. Samson was born into the tribe of Dan. At birth he was "set apart" to deliver the Israelites from the oppression of the Philistines. As he grew, the Almighty God gave him super human strength to do this work. He killed a lion with his bare hands, uprooted city gates and killed a thousand Philistine men with the jawbone of a donkey.

The Philistines in turn killed Samson's wife. Samson then fell in love with another woman, Delilah, but the Philistines offered her great wealth to find out the secret of Samson's strength.

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Once again, Samson's love of a woman conflicted with his devotion to God. He should never have been in such a situation as he was with Delilah. What is the best way to keep a secret? Tell no one. When he started bragging to Delilah various ways from which his strength could be coming, he was playing with sin. By nagging him long enough, Delilah eventually had Samson tell the truth. When his head was shaved, Samson lost his strength. But it was not his hair that held his strength. His strength came from a special relationship with God. When this was broken through disobedience, Samson became like any other man. Samson's long hair was a symbol of his being set apart for God. When it was cut, however, God abandoned him.

Do you feel abandoned by God? Does He seem very far away? Go back to the point in your life where you sinned. Confess that wrongdoing, stop doing it and ask God to restore your relationship. In the Bible book Psalms Chapter 51's prayer of repentance, it says: "Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your generous Spirit." God will hear you. But just like Samson you may have to live with the payment that sin has inflicted on your life. God however, will give your heart peace. We develop maturity in the Christian life when we leave behind our failures and use daily our God-given gifts for Him.

The Bible records the failures of Samson as an example for us. We must give ourselves to God as living sacrifices, depending on Him to guide and provide. Then we will be able to do God's work in God's way. We can be like Samson and ignore some of God's most basic rules. This neither pleases God nor brings outcomes that God wants.

In the Bible book of Romans, Chapter 14 it says: "Whatever does not come from faith is sin. Our faith must be rooted in the Lord Jesus Christ."

Israel's previous judges won total victories over their enemies and the nation was at peace. Samson worked alone. He failed to lead an army and gain a full victory. It was left to later leaders to complete his work. Do you fail in the area of being a team player? Are your own ambitions more important than seeking the Kingdom of God? Some Christian leaders have told how God gave them some new work which they were not seeking and reluctant to try. But because they had been previously faithful to God in the past, God gave them more work for growing further their faith and dependence on Him. In God's eyes, availability and dependability are very important.

A Scottish missionary nurse worked in a hospital in the Madras region of India over fifty years ago. The nurse wanted some cement for the hospital, so she visited the government official who controlled the supply of cement. The official wanted her to offer him a bribe but when she did not, he told her that her name was now on a waiting list. Similar visits brought the same outcome a number of times but the nurse maintained her integrity and waited patiently on the Lord.

One day, the Lord indicated to the nurse that she would get the cement that day. So she went to the official's office. The security guard there said he was away visiting the city of Madras. None of his staff were there to help her either as they had given themselves a day off work. The nurse asked if she could sit down for a while. Not long afterwards, the official arrived. He was very angry. Word soon got around that he was back and his staff started arriving for work with weak excuses for their absences.

In his anger, the official turned to the nurse and asked what she wanted. She answered that because she could see he was very busy, everything was alright; she would call back another day. The official ordered the nurse to come into his office where he provided her with the paperwork needed to get the cement. The nurse was delighted. Throughout the whole matter, the nurse kept her integrity. Samson was not like that. A number of his actions seemed to help him look for trouble.

Some people like to play with sin. They see how close they can get to sinning without falling over the edge into sin. The Bible warns us to flee temptation and get as far away from it as we can. Some sins, particularly those of the mind, may be a habit of many years. They are very hard to break. We must cry to the Lord Jesus to help us overcome the temptation to sin. Sometimes singing the words of a hymn helps us to escape. Sometimes recalling words from the Bible will help us out of trouble. In the Bible book Matthew, Chapter 4, the Lord Jesus out in the desert, when tempted by Satan to do wrong things, commanded Satan to leave Him. We too, if we are God's child, can command Satan to leave us in the mighty name of the Lord Jesus Christ. For where God is, there is no sin.

All this is only possible if you have turned your own back on sin. Have you asked the Lord Jesus to save you and make you whole in God's sight? Ask Him to forgive all your past and then entrust yourself and your future to His care and keeping. Don't put it off for another day!

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That was Don Harris singing "God so Loved the World."

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