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A1490 ~ Jonathan warns David.

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

Young children like to play games of pretend. They happily dress up in old clothes and say they are mother and father, or the doctor, dentist or shopkeeper. When some grow up, they make a living from pretending to be a character in a play or movie. These people are called actors. But some people continue to pretend in real life. They can break the law by twisting the truth or taking money from rightful owners under false pretences. Some people even pretend to be Christians. There is a big difference between real Christians and pretend Christians.

Pretend Christians learn all the right words to say but do not have any true commitment or love for the Lord Jesus Christ. In the Bible book Matthew, Chapter 7, Jesus taught: "Every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. By their fruits you will know them." Pretend Christians may speak well but do not treat fellow Christians kindly. Often they have a strong love of money and possessions and sometimes are caught out telling lies.

King Saul played pretend games to suit his own ends. He pursued his son-in-law David to have him killed. David had done nothing to offend the king but the king suspected that David had been appointed by God to be the next king. Saul did not want this. He was so ego driven that he thought he could prevent God's plans. At times, Saul pretended to be friendly towards David. But then suddenly, he would attack.

When David fled to Samuel at Ramah, Saul heard of this and sent groups of soldiers to arrest him. When each group of soldiers came close to the school of prophets, they forgot their mission and enjoyed fellowship with the prophets. When Saul heard of this he made the journey to arrest David himself. He did not understand that David was under the special protection of God.

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David and Jonathan were very sad that day as they parted. They had made solemn promises of friendship to each other that they would take care for each other and their families in the future. Where then could David flee to so he could be safe from Saul's soldiers? God's appointed system of cities of refuge was not working. Instead, the king had become a dictator and his own word was now law.

When everything in life seems to be against us, we can say with Jacob in the Bible book of Genesis, Chapter 42: "All these things are against me." Or we can say with Paul in Romans, Chapter 8: "All these things are working together for good to those who love the Lord." Our attitude is very important at such times. And so is our prayer life.

David was learning through his troubles how to handle people and how to handle himself. He learnt to trust God and wait for His timing. David did not let Saul's hatred of him harden his own heart. This is something all believers in Christ need to learn: When someone shouts angry words at you, love them instead of shouting back. When someone treats you unfairly, love them and don't return like for like. We must overcome evil with good and hate with God's love.

The Lord Jesus said in the Bible book John, Chapter 15: "My commandment is this: Love one another, just as I love you. The greatest love you can have for your friends is to give your life for them." And He did just that for hopeless sinners like you and me. If you want to be a friend of Jesus, you must come to Him admitting your wrongdoing. Ask Him to save you and be your Lord.

We must understand this: If you want to be friends with Jesus, you must say goodbye to friendship with the world. Friendship with the world is hatred towards God. In 1 John, Chapter 2, it says: “Do not love the world or anything that belongs to the world. If you love the world, you do not love the Father. Everything that belongs to the world – what the sinful self desires, what people see and want, and everything in this world that people are so proud of – none of this comes from the Father; it all comes from the world. The world and everything in it that people desire is passing away; but those who do the will of God live forever.”

How can we develop a good relationship with our friend Jesus, Who also happens to be King of kings and Lord of Lords? Firstly, talk respectfully to Him and often through prayer. Regularly read something from His Word. Each week, worship Him in the company of like-thinking people who study the Bible. Pray for opportunities to tell others about your friendship with Jesus and what this means to you. Not everyone will be interested in your message so don't let yourself become discouraged. Try to make good friendships with mature disciples of Jesus. These people will help answer any questions you have. They will also motivate you to keep going when you think the going is getting tough. They will also pray for you.

When famous missionary Hudson Taylor was living in a coastal city of China, he had a good friend he depended upon for moral support. After some time, Hudson understood that God was calling him to move out into one of the country provinces. He delayed doing so because he was reluctant to leave his friend.

One day Hudson was at a function when a missionary sang a song entitled, “The Missionary Call.” The words spoke of being willing to give up friends and everything else for the sake of Jesus’ kingdom. Hudson felt guilty and spoke to his friend. Hudson confessed how unwilling he had been to follow the Lord’s calling to go to a certain province. The friend looked surprised. He had determined to tell Hudson that night that the Lord had called him to go to the same province. So they went together and continued their happy fellowship. After some years, the Lord blessed their work there greatly.

Is there something holding you back from doing God’s work? Talk to Him about it today.

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That was George Searcy singing “Let him ask in faith.”

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