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BIBLE ADVENTURES SCRIPT:

A1492 ~ In the Cave of Adullam.

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

Years ago the story was told of a businessman who was away on a trip for several weeks. Before he left home, he gave his wife a plank of wood, a hammer and some nails. He told his young son that each evening the boy's mother would assess his behaviour for the day. If he had been naughty a nail would be driven into the plank. At the end of the first day the boy was very pleased that he had passed the test. But on the second day he began to be angry over a few things. By evening he had been demanding and rude to his mother. So she drove a nail into the plank.

After a week with a few more nails added, the boy started to get worried. What would his father say when he came home. The child resolved to be obedient to his mother from then on. And the next evening she pulled a nail out of the plank. With his good behaviour continuing all the other nails came out too. When his father returned home he was pleased to see no nails in the wood. The boy, near to tears, told his dad he was sorry there were scars in the timber where nails had been. Similarly it is always the same when people do wrong things. The consequences and scars are always left behind.

When Adam and Eve did wrong in the Garden of Eden they had to learn to live in the tough cursed world outside the garden. When Joshua, one of Israel's best leaders, made a decision without consulting the Lord first, he made a mistake. He put the Children of Israel into an uncomfortable agreement with crafty, lying men.

After David found out for sure that Saul was still planning to kill him, David went to the High Priest. He should have told the High Priest the real situation but he made up an untrue and not very convincing story. Later David deeply regretted his lies to the High Priest and his pretence of madness to the King of Gath. Although he escaped being killed, he longed to undo these wrong things he had done. But he could not. It is very important to think wisely before we take action or say untrue words.

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When King Saul failed to capture David, he was ready to take revenge on anyone he thought had helped David in some way. He failed to understand that the Lord preserves His people for their appointed work and David was appointed by God to be the next king. Trying to capture and kill David was like chasing the wind or pursuing a vain dream.

In chapter 2 of the Bible book First Samuel, an unnamed prophet visited the then elderly High Priest Eli and made a prediction against Eli's wicked family. For a long time, Eli's sons had disobeyed and disrespected God in their priestly duties. The prophet's prediction was partly fulfilled when Doeg the Edomite killed the priests and all their families at the Tabernacle city of Nob to please King Saul. However, one priest called Abiather, a grandson of Eli, escaped and fled to join David. Later, Abiather was deposed from the high priesthood by David's son Solomon, and so the prediction against Eli's family was completely fulfilled.

David was not expecting a stream of people to visit him at the Cave of Adullam. However they came. King Saul became irrational in his judgments and decisions and the Israelite people were afraid of what might happen next. David's own relatives felt very insecure and feared that they too, would be targeted. Such people left their homes, lands and livelihoods to join David until there were about 400 people with him.

There are a number of parallels between David's life and that of the Lord Jesus Christ. When the Lord Jesus was suffering terribly on the cross, he thought of his mother and gave her future care into the hands of his youngest apostle John. David also, would not allow his aged parents to remain in the cave with him for a long time. If King Saul and his soldiers came visiting, every person would have to flee to save themselves. Remembering David's great grandmother was Ruth the Moabitess, the daughter-in-law of Naomi of Bethlehem, David sought permission from the king of Moab to settle his father and mother in Moab for a time.

It must have been no secret to most of the Israelite people that David was in the Cave of Adullam. Small groups of people in trouble of various kinds asked to join David and he accepted them in. It is the same with the Lord Jesus Christ. Any person, no matter how weak and sinful they are, can come to Jesus and He will not turn them away. David trained and disciplined his men so that they became a good fighting force. The Lord Jesus changes His followers into holy people, disciplines them and trains them into His service.

What stage of life are you at? Are you holding onto a grudge against God, thinking that He should have given you an easier life? Or are you content to do very little for His service? We must ask and go on asking for the forgiveness of sin that is found only through the Lord Jesus's sacrifice of Himself. Do you believe that Jesus died for your every sin, both past, present and future?

Accepting Christ's forgiveness for sin is the most important decision in life. Do not delay talking to Him. The biggest regret any person can ever have is to neglect God's great plan of salvation and miss out on being with Him in heaven.

MUSIC - <u>Integrity Music</u>.

That was Gary Sadler singing "Blessed is He."

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