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

One of the most famous explorers in modern history was a Scottish missionary called David Livingstone, who went deep into the heart of Africa. When the educated people around the world hadn't heard of him and his explorations for quite some time, a search party led by a New York journalist set out in 1869 to find him to see if he was still alive. Livingstone probably never considered he was lost and thus needed to be found. But he was very glad to see the long line of carriers bringing food, medicine and supplies to the place where he was resting at that time to overcome a serious illness.

In today's *Bible Adventure*, God's prophet Elijah was being searched for in every corner of Israel and even in other countries too. But we see that Elijah didn't want to be found by anyone – only until God said to speak to King Ahab again.

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The people of Israel knew many bitter experiences of invading armies and losing wars because they had forsaken God and replaced Him with some idol. Obedience to God is one part of living a godly life. The other part is the abundant joy of God given to the obedient person.

Joy is different from happiness. Most people are looking for happiness which depends on circumstances. But real joy deep inside is heart peace which can be the believer's experience even if their life seems to be in the middle of a storm.

Elijah spent about a year in solitude, staying by a stream of water that flowed into the Jordan River not too far away from his home town. Do you ever wonder what he did during those long quiet days? Each morning and evening God sent food delivered to him by raven birds. This continual miracle was a reminder to him that God had not forgotten him.

Have you ever considered why God used ravens to bring food to Elijah? God could have sent an angel each time but He didn't. To be like a rebuke to people after Elijah's time, God used His created birdlife to follow His commands and be faithful even though the people of Israel refused to do the same.

The Lord Jesus spent considerable time in solitude also, praying to our Heavenly Father. In following His example, we need to escape from the sights and sounds of everyday activity to have time alone with God.

Over the generations, theologians have developed a list of classic disciplines for growing Christians. These disciplines are needed because the development of our souls doesn't just happen without effort and training. Each believer's spiritual and immortal part has to be trained into godliness. The way to God is through the Lord Jesus Christ. The way to godliness is through spiritual discipline. Believers in Jesus are in training for an eternity in heaven.

These necessary spiritual disciplines are: Regular reading of the Scriptures, prayer, worship, seeking solitude, stewardship, sharing the faith, modesty of lifestyle, fasting for a cause, confession to God of misdeeds and forgiveness of others, and perseverance.

Believers grow as they apply themselves to obey God's commands in the Scriptures and earnestly desire a closer relationship with Him in everything they do.

In the 11th Century, King Henry III of Bavaria grew tired of court life and the pressures of being a monarch. He made an application to the head monk at a local monastery, seeking to be accepted as a meditating monk and living there for the rest of his life.

"Your Majesty," replied the monk, "do you understand the pledge here is one of obedience? That will be hard because you have been a king."

"I understand," said Henry. "The rest of my life I will be obedient to you, as Christ leads you."

"Then I will tell you what to do," said the monk. "Go back to your throne and serve faithfully in the place where God has put you." The king did and when he died, it was said: "The king learned to rule by being obedient."

When we tire of our roles and responsibilities, it helps to remember that God has planted us in a certain place at a certain time and told us to be a good worker at whatever job we are to do. Christ expects us to be faithful where He puts us so He can rule through us. One day when He returns, Jesus also promises that we'll rule His kingdom together with Him.

Just as Elijah had an extended period of solitude in his life, some people need a long period of recovery over a serious illness or some type of injury. In these times of not being able to work, we can use the hours to think deeply about who God is, His special words spoken to us in the Bible and God's plan for our future lives. During such times, we must not become impatient or frustrated, for God wants to draw us closer to Himself through the experience. Learning to be content and thankful in whatever situation we find ourselves is great gain to us and is a powerful testimony of Christ's transforming work in our lives.

For some people, it isn't until they have an extended period of inactivity that God really gets their attention. Some people, like certain prisoners in jail, have discovered that they never made time for God in their lives until all other activities were lost. Then the time for thinking about past mistakes and how to live life free each day from then on fills their minds each waking hour.

After having some trouble in your life, it's no good telling yourself over and over again that you've been foolish. Dwelling in misery, bad memories and self pity will not help.

There is a remedy to follow though. God made a way over the impossible barrier of our sin that exists between all people and God. God the Father in great love sent His own dearly loved sinless Son to die for the sins of the world. And to prove the completed destruction of the barrier of sin, God raised Jesus back to life, never to die again.

Take God's promises of forgiveness and believe them. It is available right now. Have faith to receive it, without excuses. Each one of us has to repent and turn to God, as all people ever born have sinned against God and betrayed Him. To make this relationship right with God, a person needs to believe that salvation is a free gift to be asked for from God. Then turn away from anything that prevents you from worshipping and obeying the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength.

Repentance is your only hope of receiving God's mercy. Those who refuse to admit their own sin, can't believe that they need a Saviour. Their sin remains an impossible barrier between them and God. Without God's forgiveness, they remain outside of His great mercy and blessing. As it says in John's Gospel Chapter 1: "But to as many as received Him (that's Jesus), to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name." And Isaiah Chapter 55 says: "Seek the Lord while He may be found. Call upon Him while He is near."

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