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BIBLE ADVENTURES SCRIPT:

A1489 ~ David escapes Saul's soldiers.

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

One of the most productive inventors with regards to electricity was a man called Thomas Edison who lived about a hundred years ago. He experimented with many devices but is best known for making the electric light bulb. Generations of people have been very thankful for this invention ever since. At the time though, Edison worked very hard. He tried 10,000 different experiments to make the bulb before he found one that worked. This was true persistence and perseverance. When a friend tried to console Edison about all the failed attempts, he was not downcast about so much wasted time and effort. Instead, he replied that he had found ten thousand ways that won't work.

In today's *Bible Adventure*, we see persistence of a different kind. King Saul had set his heart on killing his very successful warrior David. Since the Spirit of God had left him, Saul's mind was taken over by evil. With his mental focus on wanting David dead, Saul mulled over different ways of making this happen.

Did you know that our thoughts make us what we are? Thoughts produce actions, actions produce habits and habits produce character. Some mental discipline is needed to check on what we are thinking about all day long. If we desire godly character we must keep our thoughts of Jesus Christ and His teaching in our conscious thinking, day and night. But if we want to have worldly thoughts, the entertainment industry will happily fill our minds with things that draw us away from our love of our Creator God.

The Ten Commandments in the Bible book Exodus, Chapter 20, teach people not to murder one another. The Lord Jesus' teaching went one step further. In the Bible book Matthew, Chapter 5, He said that "... whoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of judgment ...". And in 1 John, Chapter 3, it says: "Whoever hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him."

After Saul's failed attempts to kill David with his spear, Saul plotted more attacks on David's life but gave orders so that other people would do the dirty deed for him. What must David have thought? Was he not anointed to be the next king of Israel? How could God possibly bring this about?

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The loyalty shown by both Crown Prince Jonathan and David's wife, Michal, saved David's life.

Both King Saul's children showed great courage in protecting David when they could have been expected to show loyalty to their father. Abner, Saul's general, showed loyalty to Saul by helping with Saul's plans to murder an innocent man. This "just following orders" mentality, as shown by Abner, has been repeated down through the centuries when courts of law have tried war criminals for their inhumane treatment of war victims.

Dogs have long been known for their loyalty to their masters. One such dog lived in Scotland until his owner passed away in 1858. This dog kept up a fourteen year watch over his master's grave. Every day he was fed by the family looking after the cemetery. The dog became famous and when he died, was buried beside his master.

The main Scottish newspaper printed an article highlighting the dog's loyalty and a wealthy lady paid for a bronze statue of the dog to be placed on top of a water fountain near the cemetery.

People are often less loyal than animals. When a friend tells us a secret that should be kept a secret, the temptation to tell someone else quickly comes to mind. We can justify the telling of those confidential matters because we think it is in other's best interests to know. This temptation to broadcast private information, however, can come often to those who counsel people in trouble. If the person who confided the information finds out, there is an immediate loss of trust in the counsellor and embarrassment all around. The quickest way to stop gossip and rumours from causing damage is to say nothing, especially when secrets are entrusted to us.

One outstanding example of loyalty in the Scriptures is shown in the first chapter of the book of Ruth. Ruth promised to stay with her mother-in-law Naomi all the days of her life while they travelled back from the land of Moab to Naomi's home in Bethlehem. Ruth became the great grandmother of David, whom King Saul was now trying to kill.

A man famous for his efforts to supply Bibles to communist countries in Europe told about his loyalty to Christ when he was arrested and interrogated. He developed a pattern of preaching powerfully to everyone he could see while he was detained. He reasoned that the authorities would be afraid he would make converts. Of course, the authorities did not want that so they arranged for him to leave the country immediately.

How about your own loyalty to the Lord Jesus Christ? He made it quite clear that we cannot be loyal to two masters. Do we behave loyally only when it is convenient? Are we dependable and prepared to set aside our own plans so Jesus' name will be honoured? Sometimes loyalty is very costly. Princess Michal did not see her husband again for many years. Devote yourself to the Lord Jesus Christ. He died so you might escape the torment of hell. Pray to Him and praise Him for His great love now!

MUSIC - [Integrity Music](#).

That was Todd Pettygrove singing “I will praise you O Lord.”

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