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BIBLE ADVENTURES SCRIPT:

**A1495 ~ David spares Saul's Life.**

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

In a severe storm off the Australian coast, a large ship carrying a cargo of containers lost a number of them overboard. The ship's fuel tanks were damaged and oil rapidly poured into the sea. Over time, the tidal activity spread the oil spill along a big stretch of the coastline, affecting many birds and much marine life. Oil on the birds' feathers made it impossible for them to fly and they faced a certain death. Teams of volunteers, however, caught as many live birds as they could and bathed them in soapy water to clean them up. While being bathed, however, the birds hated this act of mercy even though it saved their lives.

The word "mercy" means to treat kindly an enemy or offender when they are in one's power. In the Bible book Matthew, Chapter 5, the Lord Jesus taught: "Happy are those who are merciful to others; God will be merciful to them!" If we do acts of kindness for others, we in turn will be blessed too.

David composed a number of psalms which speak about the Lord's mercy. In Psalm 13, David says to God: "I have trusted in Your mercy; My heart shall rejoice in Your salvation." In Psalm 145, he praises God by saying: "The Lord is loving and merciful, slow to become angry and full of constant love." And in Psalm 23, David says: "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever."

In today's drama, King Saul is shown mercy by the young man he has relentlessly pursued through rocky hill country, wilderness and woodlands over a considerable time.

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King Saul recognized that David could have killed him easily while sleeping in the cave but he had not done so. Why did David shown such undeserved kindness to Saul when Saul had ruthlessly and repeatedly tried to take David's life? David understood that Saul was the anointed king of Israel. At the beginning of his reign, King Saul was dedicated as an official for God's appointed work of being Israel's leader. David did not want to be the person to remove Saul from his God-given task. David wanted to trust God with the right timing for his own ascension to the throne.

Although David did not kill King Saul when he could have done so, Saul asked David for the safety of his descendents when his own life was over. It was often the practice those days for a new king coming to the throne to kill off any potential rivals for the throne. David showed mercy to Saul, showing he would also be merciful to his dear friend Jonathan.

Saul had not shown himself trustworthy of caring for David's welfare. Could David trust Saul's offer to take him back into the family? David did not have to think about that request – he decided there and then he and his men would stay in the wilderness.

Are we trustworthy in our work situations? When no one is watching us, are we tempted to help ourselves to items that our employer has paid for? Or are we tempted to take an extended lunch break or make personal phone calls when we should be working? These little things mark the difference between a Christian who desires to do what is right and everyone else. A genuine disciple of the Lord Jesus has a strong sense of always wanting to love and please God in his or her life by doing what is right.

Have you heard that old saying:

‘It is never right to do wrong and it is never wrong to do right?’

I’ll say that again.

‘It is never right - to do wrong and it is never wrong - to do right.’

Are we trustworthy in our relationships with other people? Some conversations are always about what other people are doing and without caution, can quickly become gossip. It is far better to steer away from such talks to discuss events, past experiences and helpful things you have learnt from your daily Bible readings with others. It then becomes harder to pass on any gossip or idle chatter you may have heard.

If we promise to do something, we should keep it if possible. If keeping our promises turns out to be impossible, then we should speak to the person we have promised and see if new arrangements can be made. Being polite and considerate of others reflects well on our testimony that we belong to the Lord Jesus and love others through His Holy Spirit.

Is God trustworthy in His dealings with us? Can He be relied upon to keep His promises? In the Bible book of 2 Peter, Chapter 3, it says: “The Lord is not slow to do what He has promised, as some think. Instead, He is patient with you, because He does not want anyone to be destroyed, but wants all to turn away from their sins.” In 1 John, Chapter 1, it says: “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” In Jeremiah, Chapter 15, God told His prophet Jeremiah to cleanse his heart from unworthy and unwarranted suspicions concerning God’s faithfulness.

Trust is at the heart of our relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. Christ has absolute confidence that by his Spirit, He can make us into something glorious. The only question is: Do we trust Him to bring out what is best in us? Psalm 147, verse 11 says: “The Lord takes pleasure in those who reverently and worshipfully fear Him, in those who hope in His mercy and loving-kindness.”

God did not take pleasure in Saul. Saul was sorry for his envy of David but not enough to repent of it. Although Saul went home in peace, he never gave up his root of bitterness. He remained frustrated that even when he found David, he could not destroy him as he had always intended. Sin not repented of will raise its ugly head again one day when the time is right. This is a lesson for us all to remember and take heed of.

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That was Chris Christensen singing “God of our Salvation.”

*The drama is from The Bible In Living Sound.*

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