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BIBLE ADVENTURES SCRIPT:

**A1497 ~ David takes Saul's spear.**

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

Back in the 1800s, a number of countries around the world had gold rushes. Thousands of men, eager to make a quick fortune, left their ordinary jobs to travel to gold fields. There they lived in the most primitive of conditions hoping to find enough gold to make them rich.

When most of the surface gold had been found, companies set up underground mines to dig out the precious metal from below. This usually involved laying explosives in the hard rock and blowing it open. Rock pieces were brought up to the top of the mine shaft for inspection and pounded into smaller pieces in the search for gold.

When mines were no longer able to find much gold, most of them were closed. In recent years, however, with the price of gold surging on stock exchanges, some of these old mines have been checked over to see if work underground could start again.

Two men in Australia's north opened one of these old mines. One day when explosives had been laid, each man told the other what he was planning to do. They then parted in the underground maze of tunnels. But each man changed his mind about what he said he was going to do. When the blast caused tonnes of rock and rubble to fall, one man was left seriously injured. Sometimes changing our minds can bring disaster.

In today's Bible Adventure, some people spent much time looking at ways to profit themselves from someone else's misfortune. David and his men were living in the wilderness areas of Judea. Since David was from the tribe of Judah, he expected support of the Judean people living in that area. But a few local men decided to approach King Saul with information about David and his men in the hope of getting a reward. They planned to persuade King Saul to change his mind about his disinterest in David's affairs and start searching for him again.

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From the safety of the far side of a mountain, David called out to Abner, waking up the king as he did so. David showed Abner and his men that they had done a very poor a job in guarding the king during the night. If David could have approached the sleeping king without detection, then an enemy could have done the same thing. Saul realized it was David calling out to Abner. When he saw his spear gone, Saul felt very sorry he had such malice against David. David had spared Saul's life, again. David showed that he had no intention in taking Saul's life. It is God's place alone to take human life. This is why it is wrong to kill another human being or even try to take one's own life in suicide.

David spoke of his trip into King Saul's camp as a test for himself and probably for them too. We all have tests or trials that come into our lives. Sometimes there's a group of trials to deal with at the same time. It is easy to get self-pitying over the pressure and decide to give up. But this is not how God wants us to respond. If we cling close to the Lord through our times of trial, believing it is a gift that God is using to create good from, we will grow stronger in our faith in the Lord Jesus and our relationship of dependency on God.

King Saul confessed he had sinned. This was not the first time Saul said he had sinned. But each time he did this, Saul did not repent sincerely or changed how he lived. By the time of this last trip recorded in the Bible of Saul chasing David's life, Saul's heart remained hard. Despite this though, God had given Saul another chance to change his mind and turn back to Him. Sometimes we think an evil person is beyond God's redemption but only God knows this for sure. Let us not give up praying and appropriately doing good deeds to those who wish to harm us.

In the 1700s, a sea captain in charge of a slave trading ship had such a bad reputation that even other slave traders avoided him. But this hard-hearted captain had been taught as a child the truths of God by his mother before she died. Although the sea captain no longer thought about these things, on one homeward trip, he tried to steer his ship through a violent storm. When all seemed lost and the ship was to sink, he called out, "Lord, have mercy upon us." Later in his cabin when the storm had passed, the captain reflected on what he had said and began to believe that God had spoken to him through the storm.

Within 10 years, this captain gave up the sea life altogether and spent his time learning how to preach Christian values and give his service to the Lord by writing hymns like 'Amazing Grace'. When we pray for some people, we may believe they are too hardened to change to God's ways. But we should persist and not get disheartened despite the years that might pass. One Christian man prayed for another man to get saved from his sinful lifestyle for thirty-five years. After the praying man died to be with the Lord, the other man changed his attitude towards God and became a Christian as a result.

In John's Gospel, Chapter 1, it says: "As many as received Him (that's the Lord Jesus), to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name." What a blessing this is to those who rely on the Lord Jesus to carry all their burdens.

How about you? Do you think you are too old to change your mind and seek the Lord for His forgiveness and love? Is there something you adore, even an idol in your life that you value more than anything else? In the Bible book 2 Peter, Chapter 2, we are taught that we are slaves to whatever has mastered us. For those who love the Lord, we must not allow ourselves to be mastered by any sin. Yet even if we do, the Lord Jesus will set us free from its hold if we ask Him to.

Some people ask Christ for help when they are having problems. But they try to bargain with God. If God will get them out of this trouble, then they will do this or that. Yet when the problem has passed, they forget what they promised. God looks for permanent heart-changes, not temporary mind-changes. Saul is a good example of showing mind-change. Yet David found him untrustworthy and as a result, never accepted his invitations to go back to the royal palace.

If you never think about God's truths, just like the sea captain at first, now is the best time to consider these things. None of us knows how much time on earth we have left, so do not delay praying to God to restore your relationship with Him.

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