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BIBLE ADVENTURES SCRIPT:

A1501 ~ David Laments over Saul.

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

An elderly woman asked a lawyer make out her last will and testament. In it she left large sums of money to charities but nothing to her only daughter, who had helped her for many years. The lawyer warned her that a court of law could change the will's distribution to share her property with her daughter, making things different from what she had just asked. The old woman, however, would not listen to this advice. When the time came for the will to be distributed, it happened just as the lawyer had forewarned.

God wants us to share our good things with others. Some people learn this early in life. A child in an orphanage was given a cup of milk to drink. After one mouthful, the little one handed the cup back. With so many brothers and sisters needing milk too, this child had learned that everything had to be shared. In the Bible book Hebrews, Chapter 13, it says: "Do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased."

While David and his men were away with the Philistine army their homes in the city of Ziklag had been destroyed by attackers. David and 400 of his men went to save the families of Ziklag. Two hundred of David's men were too exhausted from the swift pace to continue the pursuit. So they stopped at a river and looked after all the baggage. When the victors returned with the families and an abundance of enemy spoil, they didn't want to share it with the baggage minders. But David established the principle that everyone was to receive equal shares, no matter what they had or hadn't done. When the men all returned to the ruins of Ziklag, each family then had enough to get the needed supplies for rebuilding their house. It was while the families were rebuilding their houses that a visitor came to David. He had just come from the battlefield where Saul's army had been defeated by the Philistines.

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David's visitor was not a Philistine nor an Israelite, but he hoped for a reward in bringing the crown and bracelet of the dead King Saul to David. Although this man had found Saul's dead body on the battlefield, he made up a story and said he had killed the king. Obviously he thought that after all the trouble Saul had caused David, David would rejoice greatly over Saul's death.

But it was a big mistake for the visitor to tell David that he had murdered King Saul. He confessed to a crime punishable by death and as a result, received this punishment himself. What a very high price to pay for telling a lie with the intent of getting a reward by doing so.

Telling lies is one of the easiest ways Satan tempts people to sin. And people usually have their reasons or excuses for telling lies. They don't want to hurt someone's feelings. Or, it doesn't matter. It was only a little thing. Any denial of the seriousness of telling lies holds a person in spiritual darkness.

When David and all the people in Ziklag heard the news that Saul was dead, they went into mourning for him and especially his son Jonathan. In Chapter 1 of the Bible book of Second Samuel, David lamented over the death of so many on the battlefield, and especially Saul and Jonathan but he never said one bad word about Saul's terrible treatment of him.

David had not expected the sudden death of Saul. He always had been content to wait for the throne until God's timing was right. He had accepted that might not happen until Saul had died of old age.

An old story tells of a desert nomad who awoke hungry in the middle of the night. He lit a candle and began eating dates from a bowl beside his bed. He took a bite from one and saw a grub in it, so he threw it out of the tent. He bit into a second, saw another grub and threw that away too. He quickly reasoned that if there were to be more grubs, he soon would not have any dates left. So the man blew out the candle and quickly ate all the dates in the dark. Some people like this man prefer darkness and deny what they see in the light of reality.

The light of reality is that the Lord Jesus Christ wants us all to be honest and truthful. He said in John's Gospel, Chapter 3: "Those who do evil things hate the light and will not come to the light, because they do not want their evil deeds to be shown up. But those who do what is true come to the light in order that the light may show that what they did was in obedience to God." In Psalms, Chapter 51, a prayer for forgiveness, it says: "Sincerity and truth are what you require; fill my mind with your wisdom."

Now that Saul was dead, he was publicly mourned. But David was not sure what to do next. Although he had been anointed king of Israel, David was reluctant to return to Israel. The army there was in disarray and there may have been some soldiers who, out of loyalty to Saul, would harm him upon his return. David had been on Saul's 'Most Wanted' list for a long time. So he prayed to God and asked what he should do. By this time the city of Ziklag where they were living had been rebuilt.

David showed a Christ-like attitude in his treatment of Saul. There are warnings in the Scriptures about how we should treat our enemies. In Proverbs, Chapter 24, we are taught: “Don’t be glad when your enemies meet disaster, and don’t rejoice when they stumble. The Lord will know if you are gloating, and He will not like it.” And in Romans, Chapter 12, it says: “Ask God to bless those who persecute you – yes, ask Him to bless, not to curse.” “If someone has done you wrong, do not repay him with a wrong. Try to do what everyone considers to be good.”

“If your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them a drink; for by doing this you will make them burn with shame.”

When other people are going through their trials and troubles, if they need a helping hand, we should do what we can for them. Sometimes an act of kindness makes them consider what is different about a Christian.

Whenever a disaster happens to us, we are to pray and commit ourselves to God’s care and keeping. Do you love God and are grateful for all His tender care for you? Is there some sin acting like a barrier so that you don’t feel at peace? Confess all your wrongdoing to God and rejoice that Jesus has forgiven you. Jesus paid for your sins but you must ask Him to take them. Trust Him to be your Saviour and Guide today.

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That was Chris Christensen singing “If we confess our sins.”

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