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BIBLE ADVENTURES SCRIPT:

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

During the First World War a young soldier from a wealthy family accepted the Lord Jesus as his Saviour and witnessed for the Lord in his company. But when the war was over he was afraid he'd not remain faithful to God when he went back to his home in a rich suburb. He feared that he might slip back into his bad habits with his old friends. His chaplain assured him that he wouldn't need to give his old friends up, that they would give him up if he told them he had become a Christian. The soldier agreed to tell the first ten people from his social set he now served the Lord. And sure enough, it wasn't long before they all knew and avoided him. His words of witness about God kept him faithful to God.

God's faithfulness is shown many times in the Scriptures. In the book of Psalms, Chapter 86, it says: "You, O Lord, are a merciful and loving God, always patient, always kind and faithful." God showed Himself faithful in His love for people by sending a remedy for sin in the person of His dear Son, Jesus Christ. He listens to the prayers of his faithful people and helps them.

Today's Bible Adventure is found in 2nd Chronicles, Chapter 20. King Jehoshaphat of Judah was facing a combined enemy army led by three kings coming to overthrow him. Greatly outnumbered, Jehoshaphat placed his trust in his faithful God to help him. Although his enemies had many more soldiers for the battle, they ended up with serious problems about working together.

DRAMA - [The Bible In Living Sound](#).

What is the first thing to do in times of trouble? When you see big problems on the horizon, seek the Lord before you do anything else. King Jehoshaphat did just that. He called all the people of Judah together to fast and pray to God for help. The people remembered God's greatness, what He had done in the past and what He said He would do in the future. We need to trust God and keep our eyes on Him in faith.

What makes God so trustworthy? We can trust God because He never tells lies. He's the source of all truth, which makes Him completely trustworthy.

Knowing God's truth frees us from the ignorance and deception claimed by people of the world to be true.

We can trust God because He is eternally unchanging. We never have to worry whether His character or attitude towards us will be different tomorrow. In the last book of the Old Testament, Malachi, Chapter 3, God says: "I am the Lord, and I do not change."

We can trust God because He loves us and He always has our best interests at heart. In Romans, Chapter 5, it says: "God has shown us how much He loves us – it was while we were still sinners that Christ died for us!"

After King Jehoshaphat prayed to God before the people, the Spirit of the Lord came upon a man of the Levites as he stood in the assembly of Judah. God always has a special word for those who turn to Him for help. When you face a battle, spend much time reading His Word and in prayer, for then He will give you the needed word of encouragement. Part of our prayers should also tell God how weak our own efforts are without His supernatural help, guidance and care.

The Israelite battle was won by the singers standing in the most dangerous place of all – between the two armies! They sang the Lord’s praises and amazingly, the enemy was defeated. The choir praised God when He gave the instructions before the battle and once the victory had been won. This is a good pattern for us to follow in our own praise. How often after the battle of some kind is won, we forget to say “Thank you” to God!

“Prayer changes things” is a familiar saying that is certainly true. It’s also true that “praise changes things.” Why? True praise changes people inside so they become grateful to God. He loves to work in and through people who praise Him. True praise involves faith, hope and love, which are strong weapons for any Christian to use.

God worked against those invading enemy armies by ensuring they couldn’t cooperate together. The story is told of two elderly women in a nursing home. Both had suffered a stroke. For one, this meant that her left side was paralysed and for the other, her right side was badly affected. Both women had been good piano players when they were younger but their dead arms caused them to give up hope of ever playing again. The nursing home director decided to sit them down at the piano together to play songs. In time, they learnt to play together with their good hands and through this cooperation, they developed a very close friendship.

King Jehoshaphat and the people of Judah did exactly what God ordered. They didn’t try to get involved in the battle between the other armies. They simply watched. About 20 years ago in an experiment, a group of blind people were taught how to ski on flat areas of snow. When they had become good at this, they each were paired with a sighted skier to go on downhill runs. Their sighted partners skied beside them shouting, “Left!” and “Right!” As the blind people obeyed the commands, they were able to ski the course and cross the finish line. It was either complete trust of the sighted partner or disaster.

In Matthew's Gospel, Chapter 8, the Lord Jesus was approached by a Roman officer in command of 100 men to ask for healing of one of his servants. The Lord Jesus agreed to go to the soldier's house and heal the man. But the officer declined the Lord's offer to travel there, asking the Lord Jesus just to speak the word so that the servant would be healed. Many sick people were healed by the Lord Jesus touching them or doing something special. This Roman officer had more faith in the Lord Jesus than the Israelite people. The Israelites had centuries of teaching about God but often blocked Jesus from doing a miracle through their unbelief in Him. The Lord Jesus marvelled that Roman officer had so much faith and sent him back home with a promise. The sick servant was healed that very hour. The Lord Jesus had rewarded that officer's faith.

Will God reward our faith in Him? In the New Testament letter I Peter, Chapter 1, it says: "Through Christ you have come to trust in God. And you have placed your faith and hope in God because He raised Christ from the dead and gave Him great glory."
"So we look forward to possessing the rich blessings that God keeps for his people. He keeps them for you in heaven, where they cannot decay or spoil or fade away."

What are we hoping for? We hope for a better life free of pain, suffering and sin in a magnificent place in a perfect relationship with the Lord Jesus for ever in heaven. Do you want this with all your heart? Faith is more than just believing. It's trusting your very life to what you believe. You may be called to endure ridicule or persecution for your faith but you can be sure God keeps His promises of salvation to all who believe, and before long, precious eternal life in heaven.

MUSIC - [Integrity Music](#).

That was Tom Lane singing "What is Man."

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