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*** w21 June pp. 8-9 With Jehovah, You Are Never Alone ***
JEHOVAH TAKES NOTE

3 Jehovah is keenly interested in the welfare of all his worshippers. He is near to each one of us, and he notices when we feel overwhelmed by discouraging feelings. (Ps. 145:18, 19) Consider how attentive Jehovah was to his prophet Elijah. That faithful man lived during a difficult time in Israel's history. Worshippers of Jehovah were being severely persecuted, and Elijah was a special target of powerful enemies who opposed God. (1 Ki. 19:1, 2) What may also have troubled Elijah was the feeling that he was the only prophet left serving Jehovah. (1 Ki. 19:10) God quickly took note of Elijah. Jehovah sent an angel to reassure His prophet that he was not alone—that there were still many other God-fearing Israelites!—1 Ki. 19:5, 18.

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*** w20 April p. 16 par. 7 Listen, Learn, and Show Compassion ***

7 Some of our brothers and sisters find it difficult to talk about their feelings because of their background, culture, or personality. How can we make it easier for them to open their hearts to us? Remember the way Jehovah dealt with Elijah when he fled from Jezebel. It took many days before Elijah expressed himself completely to his heavenly Father. Jehovah listened attentively. He then encouraged Elijah and gave him constructive work to do. (1 Ki. 19:1-18) It may take time for our brothers and sisters to feel comfortable speaking to us, but only when they do will we be able to discern their true feelings. If we imitate Jehovah by being patient, we can earn their confidence. Then, when they are ready to share their feelings, we should listen attentively.

(1 Kings 19:1) 19 Then A'hab told Jez'e·bel all that E·li'jah had done and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword.

*** ia chap. 12 p. 101 par. 5 He Took Comfort in His God ***

5 When Ahab reached his palace in Jezreel, did he give any evidence of being a changed man? We read: "Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done and all about how he had killed all the prophets with the sword." (1 Ki. 19:1) Notice that Ahab's account of the day's events left out Elijah's God, Jehovah. A fleshly man, Ahab saw the day's miraculous events in strictly human terms—what "Elijah had done." Clearly, he had not learned to respect Jehovah God. And how did his vengeful wife react?

(1 Kings 19:12) 12 After the earthquake, there was a fire, but Jehovah was not in the fire. After the fire, there was a calm, low voice.

** w22 June p. 26 Let "the Law of Kindness" Motivate You ***

Another proverb states: "Thoughtless speech is like the stabs of a sword." (Prov. 12:18) When we reflect on how our words and our tone may affect others, we will more likely be able to control what rolls off our tongue. Yes, our applying "the law of kindness" will help us to hold back from using cruel words and a harsh tone. (Eph. 4:31, 32) We will replace negative thoughts and speech with kind words and a positive, warm tone. Jehovah set the example in this regard when he reassured his frightened servant Elijah. The angel representing Jehovah spoke in "a calm, low voice." (1 Ki. 19:12) Granted, to be kind involves more than just kind speech. We must also perform acts of kindness. How?

(1 Kings 20:13) 13 But a prophet approached King A'hab of Israel and said: "This is what Jehovah says, 'Have you seen all this large crowd? Here I am giving it into your hand today, and then you will know that I am Jehovah.'"

(1 Kings 20:26-29) 26 At the start of the year, Ben-ha'dad mustered the Syrians and went up to A'phek for battle against Israel. 27 The people of Israel were also mustered and supplied, and they went out to meet them. When the people of Israel camped in front of them, they were like two tiny flocks of goats, while the Syrians filled the whole land. 28 Then the man of the true God approached the king of Israel and said: "This is what Jehovah says, 'Because the Syrians have said: "Jehovah is a God of mountains, and he is not a God of plains," I will give all this large crowd into your hand, and you will certainly know that I am Jehovah.'"

29 They remained encamped opposite each other for seven days, and on the seventh day the battle began. The people of Israel struck down 100,000 Syrian foot soldiers in one day.

complete with Jehovah all his life." How can we imitate Asa in doing good?—1 Ki. 15:14.

*** w17 March p. 19 par. 6 Serve Jehovah With a Complete Heart! ***

6 Jehovah blessed Judah with peace for the first ten years of Asa's reign. Then Zerah the Ethiopian came against Judah with 1,000,000 men and 300 chariots. (2 Chron. 14:1, 6, 9, 10) How did Asa react to this crisis? He expressed full confidence in Jehovah. (Read 2 Chronicles 14:11.) In answer to Asa's heartfelt prayer, God gave Asa a complete victory, annihilating the Ethiopian army. (2 Chron. 14:12, 13) Even when kings were not faithful to him, Jehovah could give them victory over the enemy for the sake of his own name. (1 Ki. 20:13, 26-30) Asa, however, relied on God, and Jehovah answered his prayer. Granted, on later occasions, Asa acted unwisely. For example, he sought help from the king of Syria rather than from Jehovah. (1 Ki. 15:16-22) Still, God's overall assessment was that Asa's heart "was