



Look for Help

Numbers 21:1-9

Listen! “I kicked the bad thing Mama!”

Question: What do I do when I am snake bit—when I have some trouble in life that is beyond my ability to fix?

The Problem: Discontentment with circumstances from God...led to discipline by God. (vv 4-6)

The Solution: Confession about discontentment and looking to God in faith...led to life. (vv 7-9)

Passage Idea: When I am suffering because of discontentment I must confess and look to God in faith.

- **Corollary Idea:** When I am struggling with any threat or bondage...I must confess and look to God in faith.

The Take Aways:

- #1 Confess any sins of discontentment with your circumstances and look to God in faith for help. (Numbers 21:1-9)
- #2 Look to God in faith for forgiveness of all your sins. (John 3:14-17)
- #3 Look to God in faith for rescue in all the deserts of life. (Psalm 107:6, 20)
- #4 Don't ever let the symbols and artifacts of life supplant the invisible, compassionate Father Who loves you. (2 Kings 18:4)

Dear Father, there are ways in which my life is snake bit—things pulling me down that I cannot fix. I am looking to you, in faith, for healing and for deliverance—I have no where else to look. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Walking Papers

Practical helps for walking the Christian walk this week.

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Please take some time this week to work on the life change applications from today's passage:

- **Today:** Have you asked God, in faith, to forgive your sins based on the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross for you?
- **Monday:** Do you have elements of discontentment in your life that you need to confess?
- **Tuesday:** Do you have elements of "snake bite" in your life, threats or problems that you cannot fix, that you need to take to God in faith?
- **Wednesday:** Do you have any symbols, artifacts, cherished memories, people, ideas, possessions, or ideologies in your life that have been elevated above God? Are you giving too much reverence or honor to something outside of God? Do you need to get rid of some physical object(s)?
- **Thursday:** Do you have people in your life who need you to intercede for them—to look to God in faith for them right now?
- **Friday:** Do you have a friend who is suffering from discontentment and who needs you to gently, graciously, compassionately, and truthfully address the issues of discontentment?
- **Saturday:** Please read Isaiah 5 and 6 in preparation for tomorrow's final message of "When Life Feels like a Desert."