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The sole survivor of a shipwreck was washed up by the waves onto a desert island. He prayed everyday that God would rescue him, scanning the horizon to see if help might come. But nothing appeared.



Exhausted, he eventually managed to build a small hut out of wood, where he sheltered himself along with his few belongings and lit a fire to keep warm.





One day, on his return home from searching for food, he found his hut had gone up in flames. He lost everything.



Discouraged and angry, he lamented, "Oh God, how could you do this to me?"



Early, next morning, he was awoken by the noise of a boat approaching the island. It had come to rescue him!

“How on earth did you know I was here?” the surprised man asked his rescuers.

“We saw your smoke signal!” they answered him.

How easy it is to give in to discouragement when things don't work out well. Yet we should never lose hope. God is at work in our lives, even in the midst of our difficulties.

The next time your little hut is burning, remember, it may just be the smoke signal to bring the grace of God into your life !

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