



Resources

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2 Samuel 9:1-13

[1] And David said, "Is there still anyone left of the house of Saul, that I may show him kindness for Jonathan's sake?" [2] Now there was a servant of the house of Saul whose name was Ziba, and they called him to David. And the king said to him, "Are you Ziba?" And he said, "I am your servant." [3] And the king said, "Is there not still someone of the house of Saul, that I may show the kindness of God to him?" Ziba said to the king, "There is still a son of Jonathan; he is crippled in his feet." [4] The king said to him, "Where is he?" And Ziba said to the king, "He is in the house of Machir the son of Ammiel, at Lo-debar." [5] Then King David sent and brought him from the house of Machir the son of Ammiel, at Lo-debar. [6] And Mephibosheth the son of Jonathan, son of Saul, came to David and fell on his face and paid homage. And David said, "Mephibosheth!" And he answered, "Behold, I am your servant." [7] And David said to him, "Do not fear, for I will show you kindness for the sake of your father Jonathan, and I will restore to you all the land of Saul your father, and you shall eat at my table always." [8] And he paid homage and said, "What is your servant, that you should show regard for a dead dog such as I?"

[9] Then the king called Ziba, Saul's servant, and said to him, "All that belonged to Saul and to all his house I have given to your master's grandson. [10] And you and your sons and your servants shall till the land for him and shall bring in the produce, that your master's grandson may have bread to eat. But Mephibosheth your master's grandson shall always eat at my table." Now Ziba had fifteen sons and twenty servants. [11] Then Ziba said to the king, "According to all that my lord the king commands his servant, so will your servant do." So Mephibosheth ate at David's table, like one of the king's sons. [12] And Mephibosheth had a young son, whose name was Mica. And all who lived in Ziba's house became Mephibosheth's servants. [13] So Mephibosheth lived in Jerusalem, for he ate always at the king's table. Now he was lame in both his feet.

Sermon Outline:

- I. The King Makes Him Welcome
- II. The King Makes Him Worthy
- III. Knowing The King Changes Everything

Life Group Leader Notes:





- At the beginning of the sermon, Mark said that the Bible is shallow enough for a child to wade in, yet deep enough that a theologian can never find the bottom. Discuss how you have seen this to be true in various stages in your life.
- Mark began the sermon with a story of running into a homeless man in California. Do you have a similar story? Describe your own reaction and how the Lord used that in your life.
- What motivated David to extend kindness to Mephibosheth? Consider David's friendship with Jonathan in 1 Samuel 20, God's undeserved covenant with David in 2 Samuel 7, or even David's own experience of being despised (a dead dog!) in 1 Samuel 24:14.
- The first 4 verses of 2 Samuel 9 highlight David's authority (he is referred to as "the king"). But once David encountered Mephibosheth in verse 5, he was called by his name. This story is powerful because David's kingly authority and humble approachability are both on full display. This is a fitting picture of the divine and human natures of Jesus. As the eternal Son of God he is highly exalted, and as the Son of God *incarnate*, he is approachable. Do you have a balanced view of Christ or do you tend to focus on his divine or human nature? What are the consequences of an unbalanced view of Christ?
- Imagine Mephibosheth eating his first meal at the king's table. Have you ever been in a place where you were clearly in over your head, like you didn't belong? How is this an appropriate picture of how Christ has welcomed us into his family?
- What did David give up to receive Mephibosheth into his home (space, provisions, comfort, etc.)? What did David take on to receive Mephibosheth into his home (medical bills, extra expenses, shame)? What did Christ give up to save sinners? What did Christ take on to save sinners? See 2 Corinthians 5:21 and talk about the *Great Exchange* of the gospel.
- Before David extended kindness to him, Mephibosheth was worthless to society. For anyone to associate with him, they would have had to expend a lot of time, energy, and resources at great risk with no hope of personal gain. Are there any people in our modern society who find themselves in the same position as Mephibosheth? How does God view these men and women? How can we move toward them in kindness? Would your life group be willing to ask the same question David asked in verse 1: *is there anyone we can show kindness to?*

