

David

There was a Benjamite, a man of standing, whose name was Kish son of Abiel, the son of Zeror, the son of Becorath, the son of Aphiah of Benjamin. He had a son named Saul, an impressive young man without equal among the Israelites—a head taller than any of the others.

2 Samuel 9:1

- David remembers his covenant and love with Jonathan (1 Samuel 18)
- like God, he asks if there is anyone he can show kindness to

For the eyes of the LORD range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him. You have done a foolish thing, and from now on you will be at war.”

2 Chronicles 16:9

Why are the first things we are told about this man important?

- *physical impediments often represent other problems
- *most people believed that these kinds of people were un-blessable (cursed)
- *being crippled reveals his past

Jonathan son of Saul had a son who was lame in both feet. He was five years old when the news about Saul and Jonathan came from Jezreel. His nurse picked him up and fled, but as she hurried to leave, he fell and became crippled. His name was Mephibosheth.

2 Samuel 4:4

Why is she running and what/who is she running from?

- *She's running from David!

- *Saul's sin and rebellion caused panic and this boy paid with his legs

Is this you?

- *defined and trapped by sin?

- *called a curse and unblessable?

- *running from God?

- *crushed by another's sin?

"Where is he?" the king asked.

Ziba answered, "He is at the house of Makir son of Ammiel in Lo Debar."

So King David had him brought from Lo Debar, from the house of Makir son of Ammiel.

2 Samuel 9:4-5

-he is from Machir= sold and bartered

-and from a town called Lo-Debar= no pasture/barren

We can imagine what he'd been told his whole life:

*This is all David's fault!

He grew up afraid of David and ignorant of David's love of his father

Are you hearing and believing something like this?

v. 5- David has nothing to gain, and he calls this man to himself

*God does this with us!

When Mephibosheth son of Jonathan, the son of Saul, came to David, he bowed down to pay him honor.

David said, "Mephibosheth!"

"Your servant," he replied.

"Don't be afraid," David said to him, "for I will surely show you kindness for the sake of your father Jonathan. I will restore to you all the land that belonged to your grandfather Saul, and you will always eat at my table."

2 Samuel 9:6-7

-Now we find his name: Mephibosheth= one who scatters shame; shameful one; why?

-He has nothing to offer David; he lives in a shack in the middle of nowhere

-He wouldn't even make a good servant!

What's David done for Mephibosheth?

- sought and called him
- shown him kindness
- given him a plan for the future
- provided for him
- brought him into the family

And Mephibosheth lived in Jerusalem, because he always ate at the king's table, and he was crippled in both feet.

2 Samuel 9:13

-Why bring this up again, both at the beginning and here at the end?

*First- to highlight his hopeless need

*Last- to highlight God's grace in choosing Mephibosheth

-Its a reminder that his feet aren't any good!

2 Questions:

1) Have I forgotten that I am chosen, like Mephibosheth?

2) Have I accepted the invitation?

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