

An open book is shown from a top-down perspective, lying flat. The pages are filled with text, which is mostly out of focus. The book is centered in the frame. Overlaid on the center of the book is the title 'Adoption' in a large, white, sans-serif font. Below it, the subtitle 'Why We Serve' is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. The background is a dark, textured surface, possibly a table or desk.

# Adoption

Why We Serve

# 1st Samuel 18 1-3

As soon as he had finished speaking to Saul, the soul of Jonathan was knit to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul. <sup>2</sup> And Saul took him that day and would not let him return to his father's house. <sup>3</sup> Then Jonathan made a covenant with David, because he loved him as his own soul

## 2nd Samuel 4:4

<sup>4</sup> Jonathan, the son of Saul, had a son who was crippled in his feet. He was five years old when the news about Saul and Jonathan came from Jezreel, and his nurse took him up and fled, and as she fled in her haste, he fell and became lame. And his name was Mephibosheth.

# 2nd Samuel 9 1-5

David wanting to make good on his covenant promise.

Wanting to show the kindness of God.

Learning of Mephibosheth

Calling for Mephibosheth

# 2nd Samuel 9 6-8

Mephibosheth before David paying homage

Knows that he can not offer anything to the king

Completely useless

# 2nd Samuel 9 9-11

David giving everything back

Offering a place at the table

Ziba's example of a servant's heart

# 2nd Samuel 9 12-13

Lineage

Closing statements

Acknowledgment that he is still crippled

# 2nd Samuel 16

David is on the run from Absalom

Ziba give food and donkeys to david

Mephibosheth nowhere to be found



# 2nd Samuel 19 25-17

David forgives his enemies

Mephibosheth is confronted by the king

Right and just punishment

# Story line: Man after God's own heart (1st Sam 13)

- 1st Sam 18:1- 3 David and Jonathan's friendship
- 2nd Sam 4:4 First mention of Mephibosheth
- 2nd Sam 9:1-13 David makes Good on his Covenant with Jonathan
- 2nd Sam 19:25-27 David forgives his enemies