

2 Samuel 9 – Forgotten?

Points to consider:

David's Kindness to Mephibosheth – reflects God's Goodness to us

David is offering more than kindness – he is offering God's kindness

The king then asked him, "Is anyone still alive from Saul's family? If so, I want to show *God's kindness* to them."

Ziba replied, "Yes, one of Jonathan's sons is still alive. He is crippled in both feet."

2 Samuel 9:3

David understood his position. He was only there because God put him there.

Mephibosheth's back story:

Saul's son Jonathan had a son whose feet were crippled. He was five years old when the report about Saul and Jonathan came from Jezreel. His nanny picked him up and fled, but as she was hurrying to flee, he fell and became lame. His name was Mephibosheth. - 2 Samuel 4:4

The nanny thought David was like other kings. But David was God's king.

Crippled because of fear and misunderstanding – on the run.

Mephibosheth was ready to die, and he was tired of running.

"Dead Dog"

1. God loves us without limits – where the world sees dead dogs, God sees children worth saving.

For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. - Hebrews 12:2b

2. For God so loved the world – He gave us everything! He held nothing back. He gave us more than Jesus. He gave us his Spirit. and he has identified us as his own by placing the Holy Spirit in our hearts as the first installment that guarantees everything he has promised us. - 2 Corinthians 1:22

3. God isn't looking for slaves - he is offering us adoption – he gave us the spirit of sonship. The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." - Romans 8:15

He invites us to His table

Only family sits at the king's table.

Dead Dog – to child of of the king.

For those who have been adopted – some questions.

Are you living as a child of the king?

{Eat at the table (always) daily.}

Are we about Him... His Kingdom?

Are we living in constant communion?

Are you sharing the blessing?

{David knew where his position came from, so he shared the blessing.}

Are we telling others about our great king and his kingdom?

Are we inviting others to the table?