

# OVERWHELMED BY GRACE

2 Sam 9

## Characters

### King David

1. Ruler over all of Israel
2. Successful Warrior
3. Best Friends with the Former Prince: Jonathan

### Ziba

1. Servant of the Former King: Saul
2. Familiar with Saul's Lineage

### Mephibosheth

1. Son of the Former Prince: Jonathan
2. Dropped by Caretaker and Crippled
3. Also Called Meribbaal

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## A HEALED KING

### 1. His Opportunity

Show Chart (I will send this to the AV Team by Sunday Morning)

**Quote:**

“Secondly, Mephibosheth was treated as a son by David, as David had once been treated by Saul. It is hard not to see these links back to Saul as deliberate. David, in welcoming Mephibosheth, is imitating Saul’s good points and in not treating Mephibosheth as a threat but gladly giving him back his ancestral lands, is avoiding imitating Saul’s bad points. The reader is being drawn towards the conclusion that, perhaps unlike Saul, David really was a worthy king...”

The Message of Samuel: Personalities, Potential, Politics and Power (b. Learning from Predecessors (9:2–13))

### 2. His Obligation

- a. [1 Samuel 20:13–15](#) “13 ... if it please my father to do thee evil, then I will shew it thee, and send thee away, that thou mayest go in peace: and the Lord be with thee, as he hath been with my father. 14 **And thou shalt not only while yet I live shew me the kindness of the Lord**, that I die not: 15 But also **thou shalt not cut off thy kindness from my house for ever**: no, not when the Lord hath cut off the enemies of David every one from the face of the earth.”
- b. [1 Samuel 20:16](#) “16 **So Jonathan made a covenant with the house of David**, saying, Let the Lord even require it at the hand of David’s enemies.”

## A HUMBLE SERVANT

### 1. THE CRIPELED CONDITION

- a. LAME- [2 Samuel 9:3](#) “3 And the king said, Is there not yet any of the house of Saul, that I may shew the kindness of God unto him? And Ziba said unto the king, Jonathan hath yet a son, which is lame on his feet.”
- b. LEFT- [2 Samuel 9:1](#) “1 And David said, Is there yet any that is left of the house of Saul, that I may shew him kindness for Jonathan’s sake?”
- c. LODEDAR- [2 Samuel 9:4](#) “4 And the king said unto him, Where is he? And Ziba said unto the king, Behold, he is in the house of Machir, the son of Ammiel, in Lo-debar.”

### 2. THE KING’S CALL

- a. INITIATION- [2 Samuel 9:5](#) “5 Then king David sent, and fetched him out of the house of Machir, the son of Ammiel, from Lo-debar.”
- b. INTIMIDATION- [2 Samuel 9:6](#) “6 Now when Mephibosheth, the son of Jonathan, the son of Saul, was come unto David, he fell on his face, and did reverence. And David said, Mephibosheth. And he answered, Behold thy servant!”

### 3. THE KING'S CARE

- a. THE REASONING [2 Samuel 9:7](#) “7 And David said unto him, Fear not: for I will surely **shew thee kindness for Jonathan thy father's sake**, and will restore thee all the land of Saul thy father; and thou shalt eat bread at my table continually.”
- b. THE RESTORATION [2 Samuel 9:7](#) “7 And David said unto him, Fear not: for I will surely shew thee kindness for Jonathan thy father's sake, and **will restore thee all the land of Saul thy father**; and thou shalt eat bread at my table continually.”
- c. THE REWARD [2 Samuel 9:7](#) “7 And David said unto him, Fear not: for I will surely shew thee kindness for Jonathan thy father's sake, and will restore thee all the land of Saul thy father; and **thou shalt eat bread at my table continually.**”
- d. THE RECRUITMENT- [2 Samuel 9:9–10](#) “9 **Then the king called to Ziba, Saul's servant**, and said unto him, I have given unto thy master's son all that pertained to Saul and to all his house. 10 **Thou therefore, and thy sons, and thy servants, shall till the land for him**, and thou shalt bring in the fruits, that thy master's son may have food to eat: but Mephibosheth thy master's son shall eat bread alway at my table. Now Ziba had fifteen sons and twenty servants.”
- e. The REMOVAL- [2 Samuel 21:7](#) “7 But the king spared Mephibosheth, the son of Jonathan the son of Saul, because of the Lord's oath that was between them, between David and Jonathan the son of Saul.”
- f. THE RESPONSE- [2 Samuel 9:12](#) “12 And Mephibosheth had a young son, whose name was Micha. And all that dwelt in the house of Ziba were servants unto Mephibosheth.”

## A HOLY GOD

### 4. OUR CRIPPLED CONDITION

- a. LAME-
  - i. [Romans 5:6–8](#) “6 For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. 7 For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. 8 But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.”
- b. LEFT-
  - i. EPHESIANS 2:8-9 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.
- c. LODEDAR-
  - i. EPHESIANS 2:1 And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins;”

### 5. THE KING'S CALL

- a. INITIATION-

- i. [John 6:44](#) “44 No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.”
- b. INTIMIDATION- [Romans 5:20](#) “20 Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound:”

## 6. THE KING'S CARE

- a. THE REASONING
  - i. [Titus 2:4–5](#) “4 That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, 5 To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.”
- b. THE RESTORATION
  - i. [2 Corinthians 5:17](#) “17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.”
- c. THE REWARD
  - i. [Ephesians 1:3](#) “3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:”
- d. THE RECRUITMENT
  - i. [John 14:26](#) “26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.”
- e. THE REMOVAL
  - i. [John 11:25–26](#) “25 Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: 26 And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?”
- f. THE RESPONSE-
  - i. [Psalm 8](#) “To the chief Musician upon Gittith, A Psalm of David. 1 O Lord our Lord, How excellent is thy name in all the earth! Who hast set thy glory above the heavens. 2 Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength Because of thine enemies, That thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger. 3 When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, The moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; 4 What is man, that thou art mindful of him? And the son of man, that thou visitest him? 5 For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, And hast crowned him with glory and honour.