

David- Life Lessons

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"David asked, "Is there anyone still left of the house of Saul to whom I can show kindness for Jonathan's sake?" (II Samuel 9:1)

"Then Jonathan said to David, "I swear by the Lord, the God of Israel, that I will surely sound out my father by this time the day after tomorrow! If he is favorably disposed toward you, will I not send you word and let you know? But if my father intends to harm you, may the Lord deal with Jonathan, be it ever so severely, if I do not let you know and send you away in peace. May the Lord be with you as he has been with my father. But show me unfailing kindness like the Lord's kindness as long as I live, so that I may not be killed, and do not ever cut off your kindness from my family—not even when the Lord has cut off every one of David's enemies from the face of the earth." (I Samuel 20:12-15)

"So, Jonathan made a covenant with the house of David, saying, "May the Lord call David's enemies to account." And Jonathan had David reaffirm his oath out of love for him, because he loved him as he loved himself." (I Samuel 20:16-17)

"I know that you will surely be king, and that the kingdom of Israel will be established in your hands. Now swear to me by the Lord that you will not kill off my descendants or wipe out my name from my father's family." So, David gave his oath to Saul. Then Saul returned home, but David and his men went up to the stronghold." (I Samuel 24:20-22)

"Now there was a servant of Saul's household named Ziba. They summoned him to appear before David, and the king said to him, "Are you Ziba?" "At your service," he replied. The king asked, "Is there no one still alive from the house of Saul to whom I can show God's kindness?" Ziba answered the king, "There is still a son of Jonathan; he is lame in both feet." (II Samuel 9:2-3)

- David gives a great response. He hears he is crippled, and he says _____ is he?

"Where is he?" the king asked. Ziba answered, "He is at the house of Makir son of Ammiel in Lo Debar." (II Samuel 9:4)

"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 disabled. His name was Mephibosheth." (II Samuel 4:4)

"When Mephibosheth son of Jonathan, the son of Saul, came to David, he bowed down to pay him honor. David said, "Mephibosheth!" "At your service," he replied." (II Samuel 9:6)

"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." (II Samuel 9:7)

"Mephibosheth bowed down and said, "What is your servant, that you should notice a dead dog like me?" Then the king summoned Ziba, Saul's steward, and said to him, "I have given your master's grandson everything that belonged to Saul and his family. You and your sons and your servants are to farm the land for him and bring in the crops, so that your master's grandson may be provided for. And Mephibosheth, grandson of your master, will always eat at my table." (Now Ziba had fifteen sons and twenty servants.) Then Ziba said to the king, "Your servant will do whatever my lord the king commands his servant to do." So, Mephibosheth ate at David's table like one of the king's sons. Mephibosheth had a young son named Mika, and all the members of Ziba's household were servants of Mephibosheth. And Mephibosheth lived in Jerusalem, because he always ate at the king's table; he was lame in both feet." (II Samuel 9:8-13)

Eight thoughts for us to consider:

1. At one time Mephibosheth enjoyed uninterrupted fellowship with his _____ the son of King Saul.
2. Disaster came, the nurse fled in fear and Mephibosheth suffered a fall. It left him crippled the rest of his days. In the same way when sin came Adam and Eve _____ in fear.
3. David out of sheer love for Jonathan, demonstrated grace to his handicapped son. So, God out of his love for his son, Jesus Christ, and the penalty he paid on the Cross, demonstrates incredible _____ to the believing sinner.
4. Mephibosheth had _____, deserved _____, could repay _____ ... in fact, he didn't even attempt to win the King's favor, he was hiding from the King.
5. David restored Mephibosheth from a place of barrenness (Lo Debar) to a place of _____. He was taken from a barren land and brought him to an abundant place of plenty, right into the courtroom of the King.
6. David adopted Mephibosheth into his family, and he became one of the King's sons. This is what God has done for us. The _____ sinner is adopted into the family of the Father.
7. Mephibosheth's disability was a constant reminder of grace. All he had was crutches, yet he was given the _____ and the fruits of the King.
8. When Mephibosheth sat down at the table for the King he was treated just like any other son of the King. That's the way it is now, it will be that way through _____ when we feast with the Lord.