

# FAMILY DEVOTION

## Live Like A King: *“What Out for Zibas”*



“I Must Be Careful When I Choose My Friends!”



“Walk with the wise and become wise; associate with fools and get in trouble.” – Proverbs 13:20

### **Read:**

2 Samuel 9; 2 Samuel 16

### **Ask/Discuss:**

- What's the name of the so-called friend of Mephibosheth?
- By whom was King David chased out of the palace?
- What did Ziba tell King David that Mephibosheth was planning to do?

### **Say:**

Ziba was supposed to be Mephibosheth's friend. It turns out that Ziba was only looking out for himself. He ended up deceiving, badmouthing, and even lying about Mephibosheth to King David. In the end, it cost Mephibosheth half of what he owned.

We have to be careful who we choose to be our closest friends. We must choose those who are going to lead us closer to God and help us become who He wants us to be. We must “watch out for Zibas!”

It's important to recognize the damage that can come from choosing the wrong friends. We need to know how to spot a “Ziba” in our own lives.

### **Ask/Discuss:**

- How can we spot a “Ziba” in our lives?
- What can we do to make sure we chose the right friends?
- What does a “right friend” look like?

### **Pray:**

Pray that God will give your children the strength to choose friends who are going to stand with them, help them, and bring them closer to God.