

2ND SAMUEL 9

David and Mephibosheth

1 Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ.

1 Corinthians 11:1

Shortly after taking the throne, King David directly violated the cultural norm. Historically when a new King took the throne, it was common that he would execute the old king and his family so nobody from that dynasty could rise up against him. We are not saying it's right, but it was fairly common, especially if there was a power struggle leading up to that point. David directly violated this by showing kindness to Mephibosheth, a grandson of King Saul, (the guy that literally hunted David as an animal for years). Humanly speaking David had every right to hate all of Saul's family, but he was good friends with Jonathan, Saul's son. And out of respect for him, and in keeping his promise he showed the world a better way. God's Way.

Read 2nd Samuel 9:1-13. How does this action reflect the way God shows us mercy?

Discussion Questions

1. Just as David went against the cultural norm to restore someone who was worthless. How does God stand against cultural norms to seek us out? How should we represent God in the way we go against the culture?
2. Mephibosheth had a low self-image of himself. Likely due to his crippling injury and social status. How did his low self-image get in the way of understanding, comprehending, and receiving grace from David?
3. Many times our self-worth, scars, or pride gets in the way of hearing from the Lord. How can a low self-image stop us from seeing God clearly?
4. On the other side of the coin, how can an inflated self-image prevent us from hearing from the Lord?
5. We all struggle with both sides of that coin from time to time. How do we get out of the cycle of self-pity or self-glory to find our true identity in Christ?