

# KING DAVID — ♦ — ♦ — ♦ — AND HIS KING



## **The King's Extraordinary Kindness**— 2 Samuel 9

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In what's one of the most moving stories of the Old Testament, Bob opens up the story of King David's kindness to Saul's grandson, the disabled Mephibosheth.

As the story unfolds, we see how parallel the characters are to a greater King Jesus showing extraordinary kindness to even more broken Mephibosheths - us!

For personal reflection/community discussion

**Read** – Read the passage in its context several times. Read it slow enough to understand what God is saying through it.

- What ideas or words are emphasised, repeated or related in this passage?
- In your own words, what is the main idea of this passage? (Try to summarise these verses in 10 words or less)

**Examine** – Next, try to understand the specifics of what the passage is communicating.

- What do you notice about God? What has he done/is he doing in these verses?
- What do you learn about Jesus and his gospel from this passage?
- What does it reveal about people?
- How do you think the writer wanted his reader to respond to these words?

**Apply** - After seeking to understand God's Word in this passage, consider how he intends to use it in your heart and life today.

The story of David and Mephibosheth is unexpected. In a time where any ruler would seek to eliminate all possible threats to his power, David seeks out Mephibosheth, the son of Jonathan and direct heir to the throne from the house of Saul. But David does this not to kill Mephibosheth. Instead, David remembers his covenant with Jonathan and decides to love Mephibosheth. Mephibosheth, was lame in both feet and expected nothing but enmity from David. It must have been all the more surprising for him to find that David honoured him, kept him at his table as if he was a family member and restored his lands to him.

- Who do you relate to in this story? David or Mephibosheth? Give a few reasons why.
- How does this story speak of the gospel? Seeing the kindness and mercy of David to Mephibosheth, how is this a comfort to us?
- Are you aware that you are in the same (or at least a very similar) situation than Mephibosheth? Are you truly as broken and helpless as Mephibosheth, unworthy of God's kindness? Is Jesus' love to you truly this radical, that he would seek you out, invite you into his house and restore you?
- Bring to God all that hinders you to believe that this is not just God's kindness to others, but to you. Think of people you know that suffer and pray that they may experience the kindness and mercy of God as Mephibosheth did.