

David: A Man After God's Heart: At the Table of the King

Texts: 2 Sam 4; 2 Sam 9; Romans 5:6

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(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.)

2 Samuel 4:4

Mephibosheth – literally means *'to scatter shame'*.

Read 2 Samuel 9

David asked, "Is there anyone still left of the house of Saul to whom I can show kindness for Jonathan's sake?" vs. 1.

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." (3b-5)

Lo Debar = *'nothing' or 'barren place'*.

When Mephibosheth son of Jonathan, the son of Saul, came to David, he bowed down to pay him honour. David said, "Mephibosheth!" "At your service," he replied. (vs. 6)

David does three things.

1. He gives all of Saul's land back to him.
2. He gets his servant to go and work the land so he might derive an income from it
3. He gives Mephibosheth a place at his table

Is that not what Jesus did for me, for you?

"Is there anyone that I can show kindness to?"

"Is there anyone I can seat at my table?"

Parable of the Good Samaritan - you cannot show compassion from a distance. It is NOT sentimentality

Parable in Luke 20:1-8.

"You see, at just the right time, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us " Rom 5:6-8

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