

Bible Study July 10, 2024

2 SAMUEL 9 (NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION)

A SILENT TRANSITION - 7 POINTS TO PONDER

David and Mephibosheth

¹ David asked, “Is there anyone still left of the house of Saul to whom I can show kindness for Jonathan’s sake?”

1. FAITHFULNESS - David honors his word.

1 Samuel 20:14-17 (NIV)

¹⁴But show me unfailing kindness like the LORD’s kindness as long as I live, so that I may not be killed, ¹⁵and 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.” ¹⁶So Jonathan made a covenant with the house of David, saying, “May the LORD call David’s enemies to account.” ¹⁷And Jonathan had David reaffirm his oath out of love for him, because he loved him as he loved himself.

² 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?” (Spoiler Alert – Ziba becomes a snake later on down the line – several chapters later).

“At your service,” he replied.

³ 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.”

⁴ “Where is he?” the king asked.

Ziba answered, “He is at the house of Makir son of Ammiel in Lo Debar.”

2. GRACE – David showed grace. – Lo Debar

⁵ So King David had him brought from Lo Debar, from the house of Makir, son of Ammiel.

⁶ 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.

⁷ “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.”

3. SERVICE – David showed the Love of God Through Humility and Service.

Ephesians 2:8-9 (NIV)

“For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God; not by works, so that no one can boast”.

⁸ Mephibosheth bowed down and said, “What is your servant, that you should notice a dead dog like me?”

4. GRATITUDE – Because David was grateful, he was able to give. - Jesus Wants Us to Be Grateful for His Sacrifice for Us.

⁹ 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. ¹⁰ 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.)

5. RESTORATION – David was in a position to give back what always belonged to Mephibosheth. - Out of Love, Jesus Restores What We Have Lost to Sin.

¹¹ 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.

6. OBEDIENCE – David moved in obedience as he honored his word and Jesus Calls You & I to be Obedient to His Word.

¹² Mephibosheth had a young son named Mika, and all the members of Ziba’s household were servants of Mephibosheth. ¹³ And Mephibosheth lived in Jerusalem, because he always ate at the king’s table; he was lame in both feet.

7. FELLOWSHIP – Out of Love, David blessed Mephibosheth and had fellowship with him the rest of his days. And out of His Love for us, Jesus Invites Us to have Fellowship with Him for the rest of our days.