

The Essentials: Samuel

Session 7 – 2 Samuel 9: 1-13

Opening Collect

Together: Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Watch Video

Read: 2 Samuel 9: 1-13

Discussion:

1. Why might Mephibosheth be cautious around David? Do you think Mephibosheth likes David?
2. Given the covenant between David and Jonathan, how does David treat Mephibosheth? Why?
3. Can you see any similarities between your life and Mephibosheth's? What about David?
4. How does the covenant between David and Jonathan foreshadow the new covenant established in Jesus?

Check in and Closing Prayer

2 Samuel 9:1-13

David asked, "Is there still anyone left of the house of Saul to whom I may show kindness for Jonathan's sake?"² Now there was a servant of the house of Saul whose name was Ziba, and he was summoned to David. The king said to him, "Are you Ziba?" And he said, "At your service!"³ The king said, "Is there anyone remaining of the house of Saul to whom I may show the kindness of God?" Ziba said to the king, "There remains a son of Jonathan; he is crippled in his feet."⁴ The king said to him, "Where is he?" Ziba said to the king, "He is in the house of Machir son of Ammiel, at Lo-debar."⁵ Then King David sent and brought him from the house of Machir son of Ammiel, at Lo-debar.⁶ Mephibosheth son of Jonathan son of Saul came to David and fell on his face and did obeisance. David said, "Mephibosheth!" He answered, "I am your servant."⁷ David said to him, "Do not be afraid, for I will show you kindness for the sake of your father Jonathan; I will restore to you all the land of your grandfather Saul, and you yourself shall eat at my table always."⁸ He did obeisance and said, "What is your servant, that you should look upon a dead dog such as I?"

⁹Then the king summoned Saul's servant Ziba and said to him, "All that belonged to Saul and to all his house I have given to your master's grandson."¹⁰ You and your sons and your servants shall till the land for him and shall bring in the produce, so that your master's grandson may have food to eat, but your master's grandson Mephibosheth shall always eat at my table." Now Ziba had fifteen sons and twenty servants.¹¹ Then Ziba said to the king, "According to all that my lord the king commands his servant, so your servant will do." Mephibosheth ate at David's^[a] table, like one of the king's sons.¹² Mephibosheth had a young son whose name was Mica. And all who lived in Ziba's house became Mephibosheth's servants.¹³ Mephibosheth lived in Jerusalem, for he always ate at the king's table. Now he was lame in both his feet.