

## **God's Underdogs (Mephibosheth): The King's Table** **2 Samuel 9:1-13**

📖 1 Samuel 20:15a (NIV) "...do not ever cut off your kindness from my family"

📖 1 Samuel 20:42a (NIV) "Jonathan said to David, "Go in peace, for we have sworn friendship with each other in the name of the LORD, saying, 'The LORD is witness between you and me, and between your descendants and my descendants forever.'"

### **1. Grace remembers us when we've been forgotten.**

📖 2 Samuel 9:1–3 (NIV) "David asked, "Is there anyone still left of the house of Saul to whom I can show kindness for Jonathan's sake?"<sup>2</sup> Now there was a servant of Saul's household named Ziba. They called him to appear before David, and the king said to him, "Are you Ziba?" "Your servant," he replied.<sup>3</sup> The king asked, "Is there no one still left of 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 crippled in both feet."

📖 2 Samuel 4:4 (NIV) "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 crippled. His name was Mephibosheth."

📖 2 Samuel 9:4 (NIV) "Where is he?" the king asked. Ziba answered, "He is at the house of Makir son of Ammiel in Lo Debar."

### **2. Grace reassures us when we've been afraid.**

📖 2 Samuel 9:5–6 (NIV) "So King David had him brought from Lo Debar, from the house of Makir son of Ammiel.<sup>6</sup> When Mephibosheth son of Jonathan, the son of Saul, came to David, he bowed down to pay him honor. David said, "Mephibosheth!" "Your servant," he replied."

📖 2 Samuel 9:7 (NIV) "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."

📖 2 Samuel 9:8 (NIV) "Mephibosheth bowed down and said, "What is your servant, that you should notice a dead dog like me?"

### **3. Grace restores us when we've been relegated.**

📖 2 Samuel 9:9–10 (NIV) "Then the king summoned Ziba, Saul's servant, and said to him, "I have given your master's grandson everything that belonged to Saul and his family.<sup>10</sup> 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.)"

📖 2 Samuel 9:11–12 (NIV) "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.<sup>12</sup> Mephibosheth had a young son named Mica, and all the members of Ziba's household were servants of Mephibosheth."

### **4. Grace repairs us when we've been broken.**

📖 2 Samuel 9:3b (NIV) "There is still a son of Jonathan; he is crippled in both feet."

📖 2 Samuel 9:13 (NIV) "And Mephibosheth lived in Jerusalem, because he always ate at the king's table, and he was crippled in both feet."

📖 Isaiah 66:2b (NIV) *“This is the one I esteem: he who is humble and contrite in spirit, and trembles at my word.”*

*Mephibosheth was under the king’s covenant all along, but he wasn’t aware of that, so he wasn’t living like it. He was living in fear when he could have been living like a son. Are you hiding for no reason? Are you living beneath your promised privileges? Why is it important to appreciate grace but not feel entitled to it? Can you describe what it’s like to feel forgotten by God? What do you look forward to the most when you get to heaven?*

