

## UNLIKELY INVITATION THE STORY OF MEPHIBOSHETH

One day David asked, “Is anyone in Saul’s family still alive—anyone to whom I can show kindness for Jonathan’s sake?”

<sup>2</sup>He summoned a man named Ziba, who had been one of Saul’s servants. “Are you Ziba?” the king asked. “Yes sir, I am,” Ziba replied. <sup>3</sup>The king then asked him, “Is anyone still alive from Saul’s family? If so, I want to show God’s kindness to them.” Ziba replied, “Yes, one of Jonathan’s sons is still alive. He is crippled in both feet.”

<sup>4</sup>“Where is he?” the king asked. “In Lo-debar,” Ziba told him, “at the home of Makir son of Ammiel.” <sup>5</sup>So David sent for him and brought him from Makir’s home. Hiding in Lo Debar in the house of Makir! 2 Samuel 9:1-5

“Don’t be afraid!” David said. “I intend to show kindness to you because of my promise to your father, Jonathan. I will give you all the property that once belonged to your grandfather Saul, and you will eat here with me at the king’s table!”

<sup>8</sup>Mephibosheth bowed respectfully and exclaimed, “Who is your servant, that you should show such kindness to a dead dog like me?” All these years of hiding had made Mephibosheth think of himself as worthless. 2 Samuel 9:7-8

Ziba replied, “Yes, my lord the king; I am your servant, and I will do all that you have commanded.” And from that time on, Mephibosheth ate regularly at David’s table, like one of the king’s own sons. 2 Samuel 9:11

## WE ARE MEPHIBOSHETH

- **WE ARE FALLEN AND BROKEN.**

*For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God...*  
Romans 3:23 NIV

- **WE ARE PURSUED BY THE KING.**

*For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.* John 3:17 NIV

- **WE ARE ALL INVITED TO HAVE A SEAT AT THE KINGS TABLE.**

<sup>29</sup> *And just as my Father has granted me a Kingdom, I now grant you the right <sup>30</sup> to eat and drink at my table in my Kingdom...* Luke 22:29-30a (NLT)

*And Mephibosheth, who was crippled in both feet, lived in Jerusalem and ate regularly at the king’s table.* 2 Samuel 9:13 (NLT)

**YOU MAY THINK YOU’RE BROKEN AND USELESS.  
GOD SAYS YOU’RE CHOSEN AND INVITED.**

### TALK IT OVER

- What was your “Mephibosheth” moment? What piece of your past left you feeling unworthy?
- What are some unlikely ways you’ve seen God use unlikely people?
- How can you live more like a child of God? How can that truth change you?