



HAT DOES IT MEAN TO ME?

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What do you think Mephibosheth was thinking when he came to see David?

- A) I know my father loved you, but I hate you.
- B) You are going to kill me.
- C) I remember this place from my childhood.
- D) What tricks do you have up your sleeve?

What does Mephibosheth's description of himself in 2 Samuel 9:8 tell you about him?

- A) He had a low self-image.
- B) He was suffering.
- C) He had no one who loved him.
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What does David's mercy to Mephibosheth tell you about David's heart?

What promises has God kept in your life, and what does it tell you about His heart?

Think about the promises you can keep today. Ask God to help you.

The Christ Connection

There are many comparisons we can make between us coming to Christ and Mephibosheth coming to David. In what ways are we like him? (See Romans 5:10.)

- A) We are enemies of God until He saves us.
- B) We cannot stand before God without His grace.
- C) We get to eat at the Lord's table.
- D) We are treated like sons.

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What promises did David and Jonathan make to each other? (See 1 Samuel 20:16 and 20:42.)

Skip ahead to this week's story. What has happened in David's life since he made those promises? (See 2 Samuel 5:1-3.)

What has happened to Jonathan? (See 2 Samuel 1:1-4.)

According to 2 Samuel 4:4, how did Jonathan's son, Mephibosheth, become lame?



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According to this story, why was David looking for surviving members of Jonathan's family? (See 2 Samuel 9:1.)

In your own words, describe how David kept his promise to Jonathan.

On a scale of 1 to 10, with 10 being extravagantly generous, how would you rate the way King David fulfilled his promise to his friend?

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