

# FATHER'S DAY

AT MIDLOTHIAN BIBLE CHURCH

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# Different Experiences

1. Faithful Fathers

2. Loss or Longing

3. Broken and Hurting

Fathers, remember to

**BE STRONG**

In the mission of Christ

As part of this Father's Day gift, MBC has partnered with New Generations to provide housing for five families who have been homeless after the floods in Laos.

# Brought To The Table

**2 Samuel 9**

(1) And David said, Is there still anyone left of the house of Saul, that I may show him kindness for Jonathan's sake? (2) Now there was a servant of the house of Saul whose name was Ziba, and they called him to David. And the king said to him, Are you Ziba? And he said, I am your servant.

(3) And the king said, Is there not still someone of the house of Saul, that I may show the kindness of God to him? Ziba said to the king, There is still a son of Jonathan; he is crippled in his feet. (4) The king said to him, Where is he? And Ziba said to the king, He is in the house of Machir the son of Ammiel, at Lo-debar.

(5) Then King David sent and brought him from the house of Machir the son of Ammiel, at Lo-debar. (6) And Mephibosheth the son of Jonathan, son of Saul, came to David and fell on his face and paid homage. And David said, Mephibosheth! And he answered, Behold, I am your servant.

(7) And David said to him, Do not fear, for I will show you kindness for the sake of your father Jonathan, and I will restore to you all the land of Saul your father, and you shall eat at my table always.

(8) And he paid homage and said, What is your servant, that you should show regard for a dead dog such as I? (9) Then the king called Ziba, Saul's servant, and said to him, all that belonged to Saul and to all his house I have given to your master's grandson.

(10) And you and your sons and your servants shall till the land for him and shall bring in the produce, that your master's grandson may have bread to eat. But Mephibosheth your master's grandson 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 will your servant do. So Mephibosheth ate at David's table, like one of the king's sons.

(12) And Mephibosheth had a young son, whose name was Mica. And all who lived in Ziba's house became Mephibosheth's servants. (13) So, Mephibosheth lived in Jerusalem, for he ate always at the king's table. Now he was lame in both his feet.

God's **lovingkindness**  
compels believers to  
intentionally extend that  
**love** to the undeserving.

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# Context

1. Saul tried to kill David 10 times! *(1 Sam. 19-26)*
2. David made a covenant with Jonathan. *(1 Sam. 20)*
3. Mephibosheth is the broken remnant of Saul's house.  
*(2 Sam. 4:4)*

# The Outline

The King's **Purpose** (V1)

The King's **Pursuit** (V2-5)

The King's **Promise** (V6-8)

The King's **Provision** (V9-11a)

Mephibosheth's **Posterity** (V11b-13)

# The King's Purpose

(1) And David said, Is there still anyone left of the house of Saul, that I may show him **kindness** for Jonathan's sake?

# Checed *(kheh'-sed)*

A love that is:

- Abundant
- Enduring
- Benevolent
- Faithful
- Relational
- Actionable
- Given to the undeserving
- Consistent
- Sacrificial



# The King's Pursuit

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# The King's Pursuit

Notice, David is **NOT** Passive:

- Verse 2
- Verse 3
- Verse 4
- Verse 5



# The King's Pursuit

Hebrew Meaning of **Lo-debar**:

- A place of NO Pasture
- Place of NO Fruit

(In English Slang... “The Middle of Nowhere”)



# The King's Pursuit

(3) And the king said, Is there not still someone of the house of Saul, that I may show **the kindness of God** to him...

# God's Checed

**for you** is...

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# The King's Promise

(6) And **Mephibosheth** the son of Jonathan, son of Saul, came to David and **fell on his face** and paid homage. And **David said,** Mephibosheth! And he answered, Behold, I am your servant.

# The King's Promise

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# Dispeller of Shame

Miribbaal

**“baal”** = Canaanite Fertility god

Mephibosheth

**“bosheth”** = shame

# The King's Promise

**David** is the one blessing

Mephibosheth (*6 Actions in V6-8*)

**Mephibosheth** only possesses

brokenness and humility.

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# The King's Table

## Significance

- Political Trust
- National Standing
- Military Alignment
- Hierarchy
- King's Protection & Provision

# Who Sat at The Table?

Those who were “deserving” ...

- King's Sons
- Wives of the King
- Trusted Advisors
- Military Leaders
- Special Guests (Dignitaries, other kings, etc.)



# The King's Provision

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# The Son's **Posterity**

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both his feet.

# Posterity

Refers to a person's future,  
specifically the future generations  
that continue their family line.

# 5 Things Change

Not Fatherless (V11)

Not the Only Lineage (V12)

Not a Desperate Servant (V12)

Not in the Margins (V13)

Not a Hopeless Outsider (V13)

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# Application

- Do you know the **Gospel**?
- Are you compelled to share **God's lovingkindness**?
- Are you willing to imitate God's lovingkindness to **your enemies**?

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