David asked, "Is there anyone still left of the house of Saul to whom I can show kindness for Jonathan's sake?" 2Now there was a servant of Saul's household named Ziba. They summoned him to appear before David, and the king said to him, "Are you Ziba?" "At your service," he replied. 3The king asked, "Is there no one still alive from the house of Saul to whom I can show God's kindness?"

2 Samuel 9:1-13 (NIV)



Ziba answered the king, "There is still a son of Jonathan; he is lame in both feet." 4"Where is he?" the king asked. Ziba answered, "He is at the house of Makir son of Ammiel in Lo Debar." 5So King David had him brought from Lo Debar, from the house of Makir son of Ammiel. 6When Mephibosheth son of Jonathan, the son of Saul, came to David, he bowed down to pay him honor.

2 Samuel 9:1-13 (NIV)



David said, "Mephibosheth!" "At your service," he replied. <sup>7</sup>"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." «Mephibosheth bowed down and said, "What is your servant, that you should notice a dead dog like me?" 2 Samuel 9:1-13 (NIV)

Then the king summoned Ziba, Saul's steward, and said to him, "I have given your master's grandson everything that belonged to Saul and his family. 10 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 9:1-13 (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 Mika, and all the members of Ziba's household were servants of Mephibosheth. 13 And Mephibosheth lived in Jerusalem, because he always ate at the king's table; he was lame in both

2 Samuel 9:1-13 (NIV)



### THE KING HAS A SEAT AT THE TABLE FOR YOU



# He Was RESCUED By The King So King David had him brought from Lo Debar, from the house of Makir son of Ammiel. 2 Samuel 9:5 (NIV)



#### He Was RESCUED By The King

But—When God our Savior revealed his kindness and love, he saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He washed away our sins, giving us a new birth and new life through the Holy Spirit. Titus 3:4-5 (NLT)



#### He Was RESCUED By The King

Saul's son Jonathan had a son named Mephibosheth, who was crippled as a child. He was five years old when the report came from Jezreel that Saul and Jonathan had been killed in battle. When the child's nurse heard the news, she picked him up and fled. But as she hurried away, she dropped him, and he became crippled.

2 Samuel 4:4 (NLT)



#### He Was RESTORED By The King

"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 9:7 (NIV)



#### He Was RESTORED By The King

The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy.

My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying

life.

John 10:10 (NLT)



#### He Was Given RESOURCES By The King

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... 2 Samuel 9:10 (NIV)



#### He Was Given RESOURCES By The King

Two people are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed. If one person falls, the other can reach out and help. But someone who falls alone is in real trouble.

Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 (NLT)



#### He Was Given RANK By The King

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.

2 Samuel 9:11 (NIV)



#### He Was Given RANK By The King

See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!...

1 John 3:1 (NIV)



## He Experienced RELIEF Because He RESPONDED To The King's Call And REMAINED At The King's Table

And Mephibosheth lived in Jerusalem, **because he always ate at the king's table**; he was lame in both feet.

2 Samuel 9:13 (NIV)



## He Experienced RELIEF Because He RESPONDED To The King's Call And REMAINED At The King's Table

Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me.

Revelation 3:20 (NLT)

