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And David shepherded them with integrity of
heart; with skillful hands he led them.

Psalm 78:72 (NIV)



In the course of time, David defeated the
Philistines and subdued them...

2 Samuel 8:1a (NIV)



The LORD gave David victory wherever he went.

2 Samuel 8:6b (NIV)

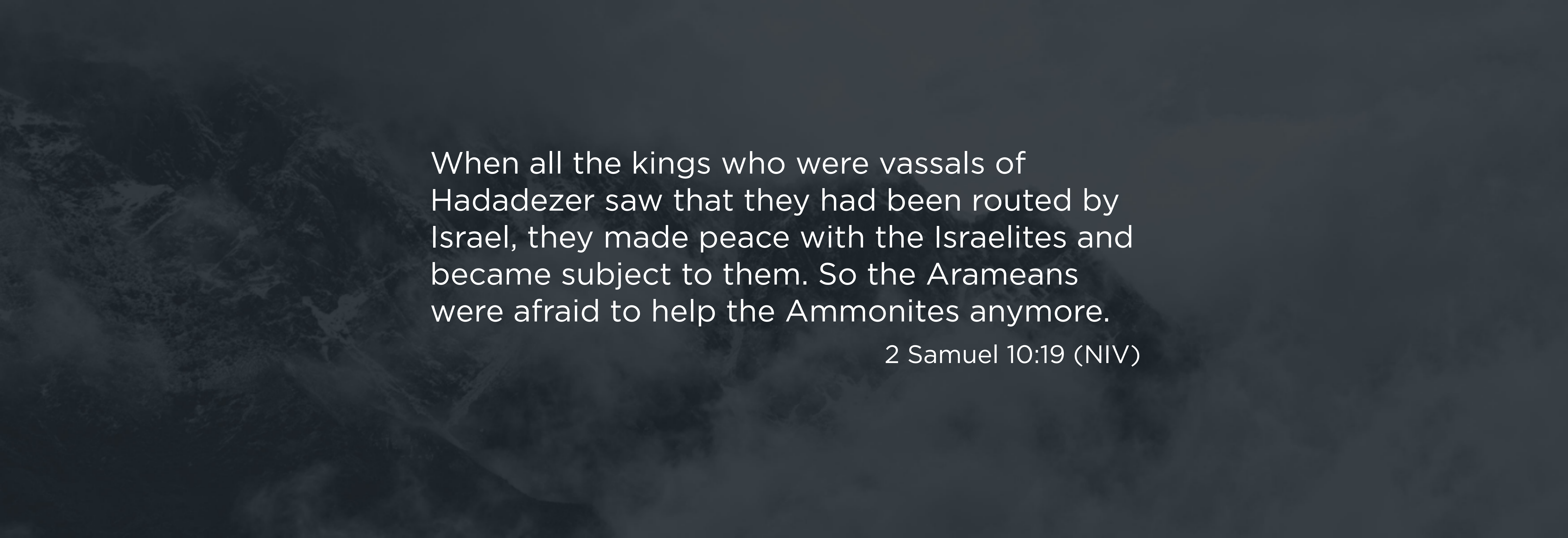


The LORD gave David victory wherever he went. ¹⁵ David reigned over all Israel, doing what was just and right for all his people.

2 Samuel 8:14b-15 (NIV)







When all the kings who were vassals of
Hadadezer saw that they had been routed by
Israel, they made peace with the Israelites and
became subject to them. So the Arameans
were afraid to help the Ammonites anymore.

2 Samuel 10:19 (NIV)

David asked, “Is there anyone still left of the house of Saul to whom I can show kindness **for Jonathan’s sake?**” ² Now 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. ³ The king asked, “Is there no one still alive from 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 lame in both feet.”

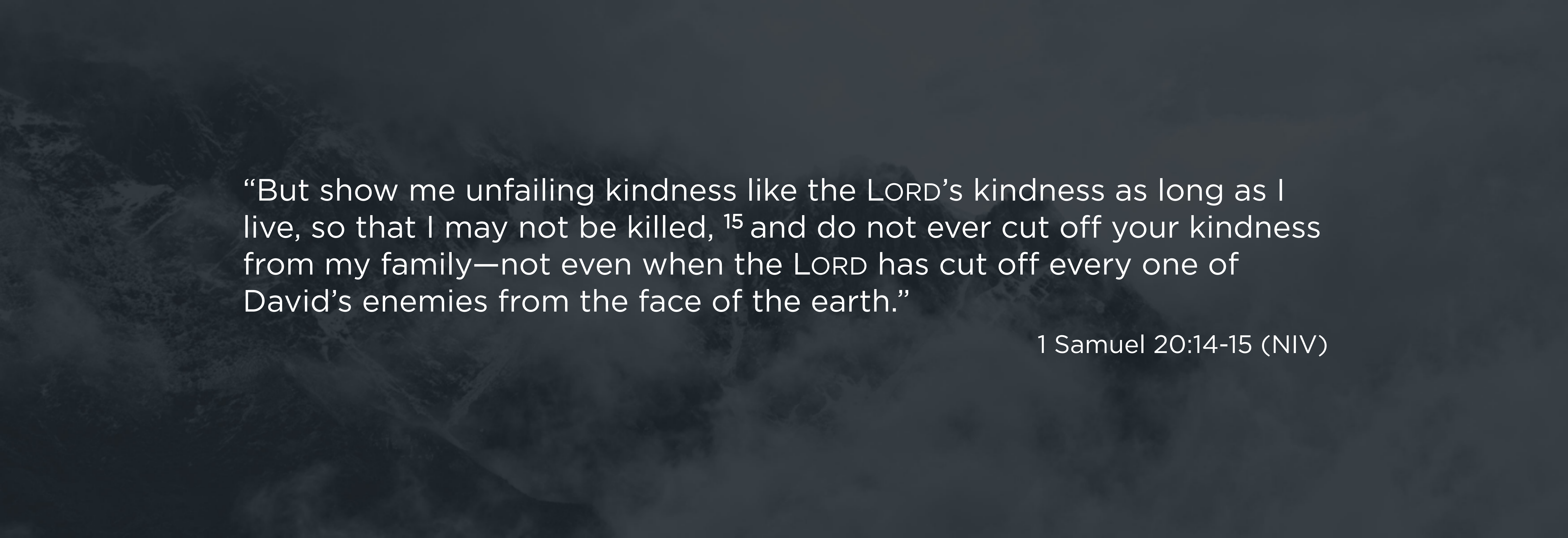
2 Samuel 9:1-3 (NIV)

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 disabled. His name was Mephibosheth.

2 Samuel 4:4 (NIV)

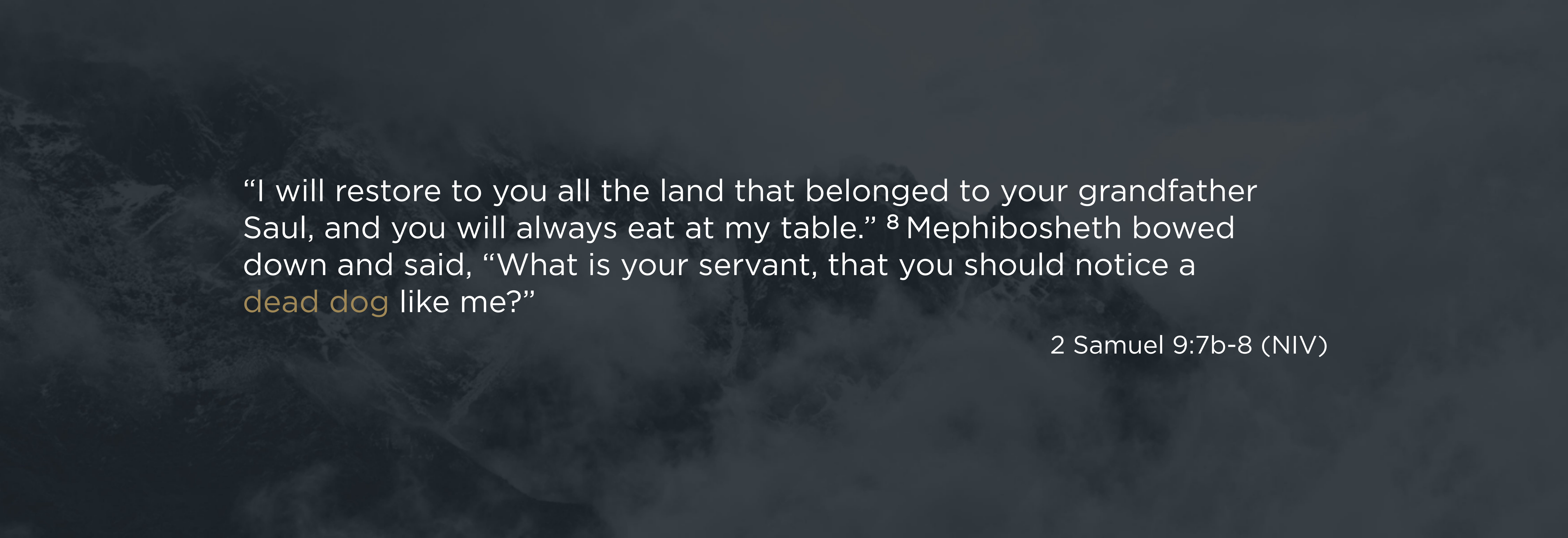
“Where is he?” the king asked. Ziba answered, “He is at the house of Makir son of Ammiel in Lo Debar.” ⁵ So King David had him brought from Lo Debar, from the house of Makir son of Ammiel. ⁶ When Mephibosheth son of Jonathan, the son of Saul, came to David, he bowed down to pay him honor. David said, “Mephibosheth!” “At your service,” he replied. ⁷ “Don’t be afraid,” David said to him, “for I will surely show you kindness for the sake of your father Jonathan.”

2 Samuel 9:4-7a (NIV)



“But show me unfailing kindness like the LORD’s kindness as long as I live, so that I may not be killed, ¹⁵ and do not ever cut off your kindness from my family—not even when the LORD has cut off every one of David’s enemies from the face of the earth.”

1 Samuel 20:14-15 (NIV)



“I will restore to you all the land that belonged to your grandfather Saul, and you will always eat at my table.” ⁸ Mephibosheth bowed down and said, “What is your servant, that you should notice a dead dog like me?”

2 Samuel 9:7b-8 (NIV)

Mephibosheth's Condition

- Saul's grandson and Jonathan's son
- Wounded and disabled when he was five years old
- Crippled in both feet
- Lived in seclusion in a desolate place
- Lived in fear of the King

David's Promise

- Don't be afraid
- I will show you kindness
(God's Kindness—Hesed)
- I will restore your inheritance
- You will have a seat at my table always

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.) ¹¹ 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. ¹² 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 feet.

2 Samuel 9:9-13 (NIV)

1. David kept his promise to Jonathan and extended love and grace to Mephibosheth.

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast.

Ephesians 2:8-9 (NIV)

2. David took Mephibosheth from a barren place and restored him to a place of honor.

The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. ¹⁷ Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

Romans 8:16-17 (NIV)

If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

Galatians 3:29 (NIV)

3. David adopted Mephibosheth as one of his own.

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)

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**4. Mephibosheth never lost his
limp, but he gained a family.**



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I AM MEPHIBOSHETH



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