

# 1 & 2 SAMUEL

## THE LIFE OF DAVID



### Sermon Outline

#### Key verse

*Jonathan son of Saul had a son who was lame in both feet. He was five years old when he fell and became disabled. His name was Mephibosheth.*

2 Samuel 4:4

#### God doesn't leave you in the wasteland, he calls you to his table

##### 1. God seeks the lost

*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."<sup>4</sup> "Where is he?" the king asked. Ziba answered, "He is at the house of Makir son of Ammiel in Lo Debar."*

2 Samuel 9:3-4

##### 2. God restores the broken

*"Don't be afraid," David said to Mephibosheth, "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

##### 3. God invites us into relationship

*Mephibosheth ate at David's table like one of the king's sons.*

2 Samuel 9:11

### DAVID & MEPHIBOSHETH

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#### Opening Thought

David sought out Jonathan's son Mephibosheth and brought him to his royal home, eating at the king's table. This story shows us the heart of God. He seeks the lost, restores the broken, and invites the undeserving into relationship. He doesn't leave us in the wasteland — he invites us to his table.

#### Ice breakers

- Who was the most recent person to knock (unexpectedly) on your door?
- Have you ever received an invitation that surprised you?

#### Dig Deeper

- In 2 Samuel 9, David brings Mephibosheth out of hiding and into his palace. Why do you think he did that?
- When did you first realize that God was pursuing you?
- **Read 2 Samuel 9:7.** Mephibosheth is to eat at David's royal table. What does "the king's table" represent spiritually?
- What does calling himself a "dead dog" reveal about how Mephibosheth sees himself? (v. 8) How do you think David views him?
- Was this a hand-out or a hand up? Where do you see evidence of a deeper restoration for Mephibosheth and his family? (see verses 9-10)
- Is there someone in your life who might be in their own "Lo-Debar" right now?
- John shared three wonderful truths about the Lord today. Which one is most impactful for you in this season?

#### Closing

This week, live like someone who has a seat at the table: Rest instead of striving. Forgive instead of rehearsing the hurt. Invite instead of ignoring. Ask God to show you one person in their own "Lo-Debar" — someone overlooked, hurting, or isolated — and take one step toward them. A call. A meal. A conversation. A prayer. Because God didn't leave you in the wasteland. And he doesn't want anyone else left there either.