

The River Church

50/50 Bible Study Challenge - Week 9

2 Samuel Chapter 9

Memory Verse:

2 Samuel 9:7 (NASB95): David said to him, "Do not fear, for I will surely show kindness to you for the sake of your father Jonathan, and will restore to you all the land of your grandfather Saul; and you shall eat at my table regularly."

Starting point: To best understand 2 Samuel 9 we need to read the oath that David and Jonathan swore to each other 1 Samuel 20:15. As well as 2 Samuel 4:4 so we know the history of Mephibosheth.

Talking Points:

-What has taken place in David's life that he decides this course of action?

Do you think the Lord was pleased with David's course of action ?
Why? Or why not?

-Is it important to God that we fulfill our oaths and promises? (ECCL 5:2-5)

-In verse 3, how was Mephibosheth defined?

-Who was David honoring through showing kindness to Mephibosheth?

-Is the action in verse 1-3 an Old Testament practice only set aside for kings and leaders? Or is this a Biblical principle to be installed in every believer's life?

-Would you consider this an act of worship? What are some other ways we can worship without singing? Do you think God holds it in the same importance as singing to him?

-What is a realistic way you could put this principle into practice in your own life?

-Does the busyness of life give you a pass on this type of action?

-Lo-debar was a town in the Old Testament in Gilead not far from Mahanaim, north of the Jabbok river in ancient Israel. It is mentioned in the Hebrew Bible as the home of Machir, a contemporary of David. Lo-debar was also considered a ghetto town in biblical times. Wikipedia

Mephibosheth was not to blame for his infirmity, nor was he to blame for where he lived.

-What choices did Mephibosheth have in life ?

-Do you believe we all have choices? If so, what are you doing with yours?

-In verse 7, David restores all the land from his grandfather, but he takes it a step farther and states that Mephibosheth shall eat at his table regularly. What do you think is the significance of that last Decree?

-Upon his reaction in verse 8, do you think that Mephibosheth had a sense of entitlement? What is the significance in comparing himself as a dead dog?

-There are 2 other places in first and second Samuel where the person refers to themselves as a dead dog; What is the significance of this full circle?

After the king's decrees and actions, Mephibosheth's surroundings, status, identity, and means were forever changed.

-Did Mephibosheth's reaction and perception dictate the value of the gift? Why or why not?

-Have you had a Mephibosheth moment? Has it changed you? If yes, then how? And if not why?