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Samuel, so far

- Judges was a march to the bottom
- God used Samuel to start the journey back to the top!
- Saul was a failure
- David is now King of a *unified* Israel
- The True King will come through David's lineage

David's Faithfulness

- Also known as David's Prosperity, David's Successes
- 2 Samuel 5-10
- 2 Samuel 8:6, 14
 - God gave victory to David wherever he went

2 Samuel 9:1-10:19

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.

2 Samuel 9:1-10:19

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?”

2 Samuel 9:1-10:19

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."

2 Samuel 9:1-10:19

5 Then King David sent and brought him from the house of Machir the son of Ammiel, at Lodebar. 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."

2 Samuel 9:1-10:19

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?”

2 Samuel 9:1-10:19

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."

2 Samuel 9:1-10:19

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.

Hesed

- Some translations use covenant loyalty, steadfast love, unfailing devotion
- Deep, active, loyal love
- Kindness given to someone who has no right to ask for it, no way to repay it

2 Samuel 9:1-10:19

1 After this the king of the Ammonites died, and Hanun his son reigned in his place. 2 And David said, "I will deal loyally with Hanun the son of Nahash, as his father dealt loyally with me." So David sent by his servants to console him concerning his father. And David's servants came into the land of the Ammonites.

2 Samuel 9:1-10:19

3 But the princes of the Ammonites said to Hanun their lord, “Do you think, because David has sent comforters to you, that he is honoring your father? Has not David sent his servants to you to search the city and to spy out and to overthrow it?”

2 Samuel 9:1-10:19

4 So Hanun took David's servants and shaved off half the beard of each and cut off their garments in the middle, at their hips, and sent them away. 5 When it was told David, he sent to meet them, for the men were greatly ashamed. And the king said, "Remain at Jericho until your beards have grown and then return."

2 Samuel 9:1-10:19

6 When the Ammonites saw that they had become a stench to David, the Ammonites sent and hired the Syrians of Beth-rehop, and the Syrians of Zobah, 20,000 foot soldiers, and the king of Maacah with 1,000 men, and the men of Tob, 12,000 men.

2 Samuel 9:1-10:19

War

David has the victory

Where is God?

- David's character
- The Lord continues to give victory where David is

So What?

- Have you taken your undeserved and unearned place at the table?
- We are regularly called to show kindness that can't and won't be returned
- God gave David victories, but that doesn't mean it was easy – it was exhausting

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2 Corinthians 9:7

