



# The Life of David

THE HEIGHTS AND THE DEPTHS

Mephibosheth and Bathsheba

# MEPHIBOSHETH, THE STORY OF UNDESERVED KINDNESS

2 Samuel. 9:1 (David) "Is there anyone still left of the house of Saul to whom I can show kindness for Jonathan's sake?"



# MEPHIBOSHETH, THE STORY OF UNDESERVED KINDNESS

<sup>3</sup> The king asked, "Is there no one still left of the house of Saul to whom I can show God's kindness?"





# Mephibosheth: The Story Of Undeserved Kindness

<sup>4</sup> "Where is he?" the king asked. Ziba answered, "He is at the house of Makir son of Ammiel in Lo Debar." <sup>5</sup> So King David had him brought from Lo Debar...



David takes the initiative to find a son of Saul to blessess.

Luke 19:10 The Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.



David sought to bless someone undeserving.

Titus 3:5 "... not because of deeds done by us..."





The motive for David? "For Jonathan's sake!"

Ephesians 4:32 be kind to one another, tenderhearted,  
forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.



The object of his desire?

"... That I may show the kindness of God to him?"

Titus 3:4 ...when the kindness of God appeared He saved us





## The position of the beloved?

"He is ... in Lo Debar."

John 6:35 (Jesus) "I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, ..."



# UNDESERVED KINDNESS: THE WONDER OF GRACE

2 Samuel 9:7 "Don't be afraid ...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."



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<sup>13</sup> And Mephibosheth lived in Jerusalem, because he always ate at the king's table, and he was crippled in both feet.





Mephibosheth was allowed to live.

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.



Mephibosheth was encouraged to be at peace!

Romans 5:1 Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.



Mephibosheth was given his inheritance!

Matthew 25:34 "Come, you who are blessed by my Father;  
take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you..."





Mephibosheth was given generous provision.

Luke 15:23 ... and bring the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and make merry;



Mephibosheth was given a position of honor!

1 John 3:1 How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!



# DAVID AND BATHSHEBA, THE STORY OF INCREDIBLE FOLLY

2 Samuel 11:2 One evening David got up from his bed and walked around on the roof of the palace. From the roof he saw a woman bathing.





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The woman was very beautiful,



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<sup>3</sup> and David sent someone to find out about her. The man said, "Isn't this Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam and the wife of Uriah the Hittite?"



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<sup>4</sup> Then David sent messengers to get her.





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She came to him,



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...and he slept with her.... Then she went back home.



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Hebrews 11:25 ... choosing rather to share ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin.





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2 Samuel 11:5 The woman conceived and sent word to David, saying, "I am pregnant."



# CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT MURDER, THEN A COVER-UP

2 Samuel 11:23 The messenger said to David, "The men overpowered us and came out against us in the open, but we drove them back to the entrance to the city gate.



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<sup>24</sup> Then the archers shot arrows at your servants from the wall, and some of the king's men died. Moreover, your servant Uriah the Hittite is dead."





## DAVID FINALLY HITS BOTTOM

<sup>25</sup> David told the messenger, "Say this to Joab: 'Don't let this upset you; the sword devours one as well as another. Press the attack against the city and destroy it.' Say this to encourage Joab."



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2 Samuel 11:26 When Uriah's wife heard that her husband was dead, she mourned for him.



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<sup>27</sup> After the time of mourning was over, David had her brought to his house, and she became his wife and bore him a son.





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But the thing David had done displeased the LORD.



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