

GREENFOREST COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH

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“GOD WILL TURN IT AROUND”

2 Samuel 4:1-4, 2 Samuel 9:1

What should we know about the book of 2 Samuel?

- Details the trials and triumphs of King David
- Divided from I Samuel although written as one book
- David was the 1st King to rule over Judah & Israel

Mephibosheth was born into:

- Aristocracy as the grandson of King Saul
- Affluence as the son of a Prince Jonathan
- Abundance and wealth as part of a royal family

Mephibosheth lost his:

- Father, Grandfather, & Uncle when he was 5 years old
- Access to the throne as the heir apparent
- Ability to walk after being dropped by his nurse

Mephibosheth’s life teaches us, you can be:

- On top today & at the bottom tomorrow
- Healthy one second and hurting the next second
- On the mountain this year & in the valley the next year

Mephibosheth goes through life w/ the pain of being:

- Orphaned as a child
- Omitted from the royal throne
- Outcast to Lodi Bar
- Overshadowed by Grandfather’s evil past
- Overlooked because of his disability of lame legs

Like Mephibosheth, we must live with our issues:

- Moses stuttered
- Jacob limped
- Paul had a thorn

It is very likely that Mephibosheth had issues

- Attachment issues because the ones he loved, he eventually lost to death
- Trust issues because the one who carried him dropped him
- Identity issues because he was royalty living in rubbish as a “dead dog”
- Resentment issues because what could have been his was taken away

What are your issues?

- Do you have attachment issues, trust issues, identity issues, anger issues, jealousy issues, control issues, self-esteem issues, & resentment issues?

What do we learn from Mephibosheth?

- God sees you when others don’t
- God will send people to help you
- God will show you who has your back
- God will give you a seat at the table
- God will supply you with everything you lost

What do we learn about God?

- God sees you as credible when others see you as crippled
- God never intended for your crisis to cause you to crumble
- God’s capacity is made known during times of catastrophe
- God’s unlimited vision isn’t constrained by your limited view
- God will crown you in front of your critics
- God can turn your calamity into positivity.