



THE RISE AND FALL OF
DAVID

II SAMUEL 9:1-4,7 ^{NIV}

David asked, “Is there anyone still left of the house of Saul to whom I can show **kindness** for Jonathan’s sake?” ² Now there was a servant of Saul’s household named Ziba. They summoned him to appear before David, and the king said to him, “Are you Ziba?” “At your service,” he replied. ³ 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.” ⁴ “Where is he?” the king asked. Ziba answered, “He is at the house of Makir son of Ammiel in Lo Debar.”

⁷ “Don’t be afraid,” David said to him, “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.”

Kindness | “goodness, faithfulness”, “loyal love”, “mercy/grace”,
“covenant faithfulness”.

Worship – Repentance – Kindness



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The sensitive reader will observe many parallels between Mephibosheth and himself or herself, and between David and God. As Mephibosheth had fallen, was deformed as a result of his fall, was hiding in a place of barrenness, and was fearful of the king, so is the sinner. David took the initiative to seek out Mephibosheth in spite of his unloveliness, bring him into his house and presence, and adopt him as his own son. He also shared his bounty and fellowship with this undeserving one for the rest of his life, because of Jonathan, as God has done with us Christians for the sake of Christ.”

- TOM CONSTABLE



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