A Bible Story



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David and Mephibosheth

A story about a promise, kindness, and a place at the king's table.



A Promise David Remembered

When David became king, he remembered his friendship with Jonathan and the promise he had made to him. He wanted to show kindness to someone from Jonathan's family.



Is Anyone from the Family Left?

David asked, “Is there yet any that is left of the house of Saul, that I may shew him kindness for Jonathan’s sake?”



Ziba Knew the Answer

Ziba, a former servant of Saul's family, was called. He explained that a son of Jonathan named Mephibosheth was still alive.



Mephibosheth Lived Far Away

He lived in Lo-debar, in the house of Machir the son of Ammiel. Walking was difficult for him, and he needed help to move about.



The King Sent for Him

David sent messengers to bring him to the palace. Mephibosheth did not know what the king wanted from him and received the invitation with surprise.



Before the King

When he came before David, Mephibosheth bowed down to the ground. David called him by name, and he answered, “Behold thy servant!”



Do Not Be Afraid

David kindly told him, “Fear not: for I will surely shew thee kindness for Jonathan thy father’s sake.”



His Family's Lands

The king promised to restore to him all the land that had belonged to his grandfather Saul. In this way he would have a home and everything he needed.



A Place at the Table

Then David added, “Thou shalt eat bread at my table continually.” Mephibosheth could hardly believe that the king was receiving him with such kindness.



Unexpected Kindness

Mephibosheth bowed again. He felt small and surprised, but David wanted him to know that he was valued and welcome.



Ziba Received a Task

David told Ziba, his sons, and his servants to work the land. Its harvests would provide for Mephibosheth's family.



Like One of the King's Sons

From then on, Mephibosheth lived in Jerusalem and always ate at David's table, like one of the king's sons.



A Promise Fulfilled

Mephibosheth had a safe place together with his son Micha. David kept his promise to Jonathan and showed that true kindness remembers, seeks, and welcomes with love.