



God's Promise to David: The Lord Himself will Establish a House (2 Sam 9-10)

Notes: Week Five

David and Mephibosheth - [2 Samuel 9:1-13](#)

Topics: [Family](#), [Gifts](#), [Grace](#), [Handicapped](#), [Honor](#), [Humility](#), [Kindness](#), [Remembering](#), [Restoration](#), [Serving](#)

Open It

1. *If you had it within your power, whom would you elevate from "rags to riches" and why?
2. What activities of daily life are a continual challenge for people with disabilities?

Explore It

3. *What commitment did David remember when he was established in the kingship of Israel? ([9:1](#))
4. From whom did David seek information about Saul's survivors? ([9:2](#))
5. Which relative of Saul did David learn about from the servant Ziba? ([9:3](#))
6. Where did David find Jonathan's son living? ([9:4-5](#))
7. What attitude did Mephibosheth assume toward David when they met? ([9:6](#))
8. *What promises did David make to Mephibosheth? ([9:7](#))
9. How did Mephibosheth expect to be treated by David? ([9:8](#))
10. What commands did David give to Ziba concerning Mephibosheth? ([9:9-10](#))
11. *What kind of treatment did Mephibosheth receive in David's house? ([9:11](#))
12. How would another generation of Saul's family continue in Israel? ([9:12](#))
13. Why did Mephibosheth live in Jerusalem from this time onward although his family's lands were elsewhere? ([9:13](#))

Get It

14. Why was it especially important to David to find the surviving members of Saul's family?
15. Why did Mephibosheth have reason to be afraid of David?
16. What special provision did David make because of Mephibosheth's disability?
17. Why is it important to carry through on promises made, even if the person to whom you made them is dead and gone?
18. *Why is it a bad idea to hold a grudge against the heirs or associates of a person who has persecuted you?
19. *Why is it a greater honor to ask someone to eat with you than simply to give him or her a meal?

Apply It

20. What promise from the past can you take steps to fulfill today?
21. *What concrete way can you find to honor a friend or relative who is deceased?
22. The next time you encounter someone who has a disability, how can you be sure to respect his or her dignity?

David Defeats the Ammonites - [2 Samuel 10:1-19](#)

Topics: [Ambassadors](#), [Anger](#), [Consequences](#), [Courage](#), [Deceit](#), [Delegation](#), [Doubt](#), [Enemies](#), [Friendship](#), [Help](#), [Honor](#), [Humiliation](#), [Instructions](#), [Insults](#), [Intimidation](#), [Kindness](#), [Motives](#), [Mourning](#), [Neighbor](#), [Opposition](#), [Partnerships](#), [Peace](#), [Plans](#), [Representatives](#), [Revenge](#), [Submission](#), [Trust](#), [Victory](#), [War](#)

Open It

1. *What sincere gesture on your part has been grossly misinterpreted?
2. What are the differences between a war on your own soil and war on behalf of another nation?

Explore It

3. *Why did David send a delegation to Hanun, king of the Ammonites? ([10:1-2](#))
4. *What suspicion was planted in Hanun's mind by his nobles? ([10:3](#))
5. *What did Hanun do to the men David had sent to him? ([10:4](#))
6. How did David seek to comfort his humiliated representatives? ([10:5](#))
7. What did the Ammonites do when they realized they had made an enemy of David? ([10:6](#))
8. What was David's response to the mobilization of Ammonite and mercenary troops? ([10:7](#))
9. What was the military situation confronting Joab? ([10:8-9](#))
10. How did Joab choose to deal with the situation of being surrounded by hostile troops? ([10:9-10](#))
11. What agreement did Joab make with Abishai concerning the battle? ([10:11](#))
12. Why was Joab not panicked by the way the battle was shaping up? ([10:12](#))
13. What was the outcome of the battle on the two fronts? ([10:13-14](#))
14. What did the Arameans do after they were initially turned back by Joab? ([10:15-16](#))
15. How did David respond to the regrouping of the Arameans? ([10:17](#))
16. What was the extent of David's victory over the Arameans? ([10:18-19](#))

Get It

17. *What kind of advice did Hanun get from his noblemen?
18. How widespread was the damage from one error of judgment in this situation?
19. *Why should a slight or insult of another person not be undertaken lightly?
20. What are the advantages of a flexible "battle plan"?
21. What is most likely to make allies part ways?
22. How can knowledge of God's character make us more courageous in the challenges we face?

Apply It

23. What is one thing you can do to increase your knowledge of God's character?
24. *How can you become a better judge of character and intentions?