**Becoming a Woman After God’s Own Heart**

**Life Lessons from David**

**Lesson 10 Keeping Your Commitments**

**2 Samuel 9, 2 Peter 1:3-4**

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**9**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.”

**5**So King David had him brought from Lo Debar, from the house of Makir son of Ammiel.

**6**When Mephibosheth son of Jonathan, the son of Saul, came to David, he bowed down to pay him honor.

David said, “Mephibosheth!”

“At your service,” he replied.

**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.”

**8**Mephibosheth bowed down and said, “What is your servant, that you should notice a dead dog like me?”

**9**Then the king summoned Ziba, Saul’s steward, and said to him, “I have given your master’s grandson everything that belonged to Saul and his family. **10**You and your sons and your servants are to farm the land for him and bring in the crops, so that your master’s grandson may be provided for. And Mephibosheth, grandson of your master, will always eat at my table.” (Now Ziba had fifteen sons and twenty servants.)

**11**Then Ziba said to the king, “Your servant will do whatever my lord the king commands his servant to do.” So Mephibosheth ate at David’s table like one of the king’s sons.

**12**Mephibosheth had a young son named Mika, and all the members of Ziba’s household were servants of Mephibosheth.**13**And Mephibosheth lived in Jerusalem, because he always ate at the king’s table; he was lame in both feet.

Joshua 21:45 “ Not one of the good promises which the Lord had spoken to the house of Israel failed; all had come to pass.”

**2 Peter 1:3-4**

**3**His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. **4**Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.

1. Why did David command that Mephibosheth be brought to Jerusalem?

2. What did David give to Mephibosheth? Why do you think he did this?

3. God always watches over His word to fulfill it. He never breaks a promise. How about you? Think back over things that you’ve promised your parents, spouse, children, friends, co-workers and others. Do you keep your promises? Explain.

4. When David first had Mephibosheth come to Jerusalem, how did Mephibosheth act? Why do you think he acted like that?

5. Write in the first person, as if you were Mephibosheth writing in his diary, three months after David had moved him to Jerusalem, so he could eat every day in the palace with the king. Write what you are thinking and feeling and reflect on David keeping his promise to your father, Jonathan.

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6. Spend a few moments meditating on 2 Peter 1:3-4. What is God saying to you through these verses?

7. Has God given you some promises that He’s already fulfilled? If so, jot down one or more of them.

8. Do you see any ways in which David’s words or deeds demonstrated that he was a man after God’s own heart in this chapter?

9. Journal one of these passages SOAP style.