

# **A FAITHFUL FRIEND**

## **II Samuel 9**

**David demonstrates the qualities of a faithful friend.  
We can learn from him about friendship commitments**

### **I. A FAITHFUL FRIEND REMEMBERS HIS COMMITMENTS** (1-5)

#### **A. DAVID'S SITUATION (1)**

- Successful and mindful

#### **B. DAVID'S DESIRE (1-3)**

1. Show Kindness - See I Peter 3:8-9
2. Show Kindness for Jonathan's sake (1)
3. Show the Kindness of God (3)

#### **C. DAVID'S DISCOVERY (2-4)**

1. An Informant (2-3)
2. Some Information (3-4)
  - a. There is an heir (3b)
  - b. He is lame (3c) > cf. 4:4
  - c. He is being well-cared for (4a)
  - d. He lives in Lo-debar (4b)

#### **D. DAVID'S DETERMINATION (5)**

1. Bring Mephibosheth to Jerusalem
2. Remove him from the place of exile and hiding

### **II. A FAITHFUL FRIEND KEEPS HIS COMMITMENTS** (6-13)

#### **A. MEPHIBOSHETH IS HONORED**

1. David Identifies Him (6)
2. David Reassures Him (7a)
3. David Restores Saul's Estate (7-12)
4. David's Blesses Mephibosheth with a position
5. David does everything he possibly can to bless Mephibosheth

#### **B. MEPHIBOSHETH IS HUMBLE**

1. Bowing before David (6, 8)
2. Submissive to David (6b)
3. Grateful to David

### C. MEPHIBOSHETH IN DAVID'S HOME (13)

1. An ongoing recognition of David's friendship with Jonathan
2. An ongoing reminder of God's grace in placing David on the throne
3. An ongoing relationship between a king and one he wished to bless!

### III. A FRIENDSHIP QUESTIONNAIRE

A. Have you kept your commitments to friends?

- Are there some you have neglected?

B. Has success clouded your memory of past friendships and relationships?

- Has status-keeping kept you from reaching out to them?

C. Is there anything you could do right now for your friend's children?

- Has God blessed you with things you could share?

D. What kind of impression are you making on your children as a result of how you treat your friends?

E. If a dis-loyal friend has disappointed you, is that affecting your outlook and attitude?

### CONCLUSION

**May God help us to loyally love our friends.**

### PRAYER