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**MESSAGE NOTES**  
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**Belong – The Spirit of Adoption**  
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2Samuel 9:1

Now David said, "Is there still anyone who is left of the house of Saul, that I may show him kindness for Jonathan's sake?"

“Mephibosheth” – means cut in pieces, shatter, blow away, scatter

2Samuel 9:3

Then the king said, “Is there not still someone of the house of Saul, to whom I may show the kindness of God?” And Ziba said to the king, "There is still a son of Jonathan who is lame in his feet.”

Ziba thought that being lame would disqualify Mephibosheth.

What do you think disqualifies you?

2Samuel 9:4

So the king said to him, "Where is he?" And Ziba said to the king, "Indeed he is in the house of Machir the son of Ammiel, in Lo Debar."

2Samuel 9:6

Now when Mephibosheth the son of Jonathan, the son of Saul, had come to David, **he fell on his face and prostrated himself**. Then David said, "Mephibosheth?" And he answered, "Here is your servant!"

It takes effort to humble yourself before God.

2Samuel 9:7

So David said to him, "Do not fear, for I will surely show you kindness for Jonathan your father's sake, and will restore to you all the land of Saul your grandfather; and you shall eat bread at my table continually."

God has adopted us.

He wants to restore everything the enemy has taken from us.

2Samuel 9:8

Then he (Mephibosheth) bowed himself, and said, "What is your servant, that you should look upon such a dead dog as I?"

2Samuel 9:13

So Mephibosheth dwelt in Jerusalem, for he ate continually at the king's table. And he was lame in both his feet.

In spite of our lameness, God wants to give us our inheritance as His sons and daughters.

He wants us to feast at His table all the days of our lives; it's our destiny!

That's who we are called to be: fully adopted by a loving Father.

Ephesians 1:5

His unchanging plan has always been to adopt us into His own family by bringing us to Himself through Jesus Christ. And this gave Him great pleasure.

Romans 8:15

For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father."

"Abba" is the most endearing term for "father."