

THE INCREDIBLE STORY OF MEPHIBOSHETH

1 Samuel 20:12-17; 31:1-7

2 Samuel 4:4, 7:1-17; 9:1-13; 19:24-30



FACT ONE

Mephibosheth lived his life in a precarious state



THREE REASONS

1. He lost his most significant caregivers (1 Sam 31)
2. He lost the ability to care for himself (2 Sam 4:4)
3. He lost his good name and became an enemy of the king



FACT TWO

David ruled differently than his peers and points us to Jesus



TWO DIFFERENCES

1. David did not exult in the defeat of his political enemies or actively work to eliminate them
2. David chose to bless his potential enemy rather than curse
3. He lost his good name and became an enemy of the king



FACT THREE

Mephibosheth changed as a result
of the king's kindness





CONCLUSION

- 1. Mephibosheth went from a place of honor to a place of shame because of his biological connection to a father.**
- 2. Mephibosheth went from a place of shame to a place of honor because King David, the anointed of God, gave him a place at his table.**
- 3. Mephibosheth recognized King David's kindness and stood with King David in his shame.**