

# David's story continues

1	<p>2 Samuel 1: On the third day a man arrived from Saul's camp with his clothes torn and dust on his head. When he came to David, he fell to the ground to pay him honour.</p> <p>3 "Where have you come from?" David asked him.</p> <p>He answered, "I have escaped from the Israelite camp."</p> <p>4 "What happened?" David asked. "Tell me."</p> <p>"The men fled from the battle," he replied. "Many of them fell and died. And Saul and his son Jonathan are dead."</p> <p>11 Then David and all the men with him took hold of their clothes and tore them. 12 They mourned and wept and fasted till evening for Saul and his son Jonathan, and for the army of the Lord and for the nation of Israel, because they had fallen by the sword.</p>
2	<p>2 Samuel 5:3 When all the elders of Israel had come to King David at Hebron, the king made a covenant with them at Hebron before the Lord, and they anointed David king over Israel.</p>
3	<p>2 Samuel 4:4 (Jonathan son of Saul had a son who was lame in both feet. He was five years old when the news about Saul and Jonathan came from Jezreel. His nurse picked him up and fled, but as she hurried to leave, he fell and became disabled. His name was Mephibosheth.)</p>
4	<p>2 Samuel 9:1 David asked, "Is there anyone still left of the house of Saul to whom I can show kindness for Jonathan's sake?"</p> <p>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?"</p> <p>"At your service," he replied.</p> <p>3 The king asked, "Is there no one still alive from the house of Saul to whom I can show God's kindness?"</p> <p>Ziba answered the king, "There is still a son of Jonathan; he is lame in both feet."</p> <p>4 "Where is he?" the king asked.</p> <p>Ziba answered, "He is at the house of Makir son of Ammiel in Lo Debar."</p> <p>5 So King David had him brought from Lo Debar, from the house of Makir son of Ammiel.</p>
5	<p>2 Samuel 9: 6 When Mephibosheth son of Jonathan, the son of Saul, came to David, he bowed down to pay him honour.</p> <p>David said, "Mephibosheth!"</p> <p>"At your service," he replied.</p> <p>7 "Don't be afraid," David said to him, "for I will surely show you kindness for the sake of your father Jonathan.</p>
6	<p>2 Samuel 9: 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.)</p> <p>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.</p>