



WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO US?

I love this story of Mephibosheth. But what does it mean to you and I today? This story is an amazing example of what salvation is through Jesus Christ. Like Mephibosheth we have all been dropped in life. We have been hurt in ways that sometime we only know. We all have physical and emotional scars that we have to deal with.

Some have been physically abused, emotionally abused and some even sexually abuse. Whatever has happened to us, it has left us lame. Some of us are only lame in one foot but most of us are figuratively lame in both feet. We have things that make it impossible to move forward on our own in life. We are in need of a savior.

Jesus Christ came to earth for all of those that are lame because of sin in this world (that is every one of us). If He hadn't come and lived, died on the cross and rose again three days later we were left to be lame and die in our sins. Mephibosheth should have died at the hands of the Philistines or at the hand of the incoming new King... but his life was spared and although he was lame, he's still alive.

We must all come to a place where we realize that we have nothing to offer to pay the price of our life. Mephibosheth fell in front of David and said that he was like a "Dead dog." We are in the same boat. There is nothing we can do to restore or redeem our lives on our own.

Isaiah 64:6 makes it clear what our righteousness is like. "For all of us have become like one who is unclean, all our righteous deeds are like a filthy garment; And all of us wither like a leaf, And our wrongdoings, like the wind, take us away."

We have no value. Even the most righteous of humans are like filthy garments. We need someone to redeem us. When Jesus came to earth to offer redemption He gave us a choice to accept His gracious gift or refuse it. By accepting the gift we are granted status as the child of the King, but not just any King we become children of the King of Kings. One of the benefits of being a child of the King is that we are invited and welcome at the King's table in perpetuity, forever.

In Luke 22:29-30 Jesus is talking to His disciples and says this to them, "Just as My Father has given Me a kingdom, I give you that you may eat and drink at My table in My kingdom." Once we come to Jesus Christ, accepting His gift of salvation, we are welcome at His table, not just in Heaven but starting the moment we believe and take the gift.

Those same words are for you and I. We are all like "Dead dogs", worthless. But we have been given an opportunity to be redeemed. All we have to do is believe on Jesus Christ and what He did for us. Acts 16:31, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved."

For those that have already accepted His gift and have been invited to the King's table today and for all eternity we need to not take it for granted. Too many of us have the right to eat at His table and we still choose to eat from the trash. We're like the prodigal son that had all he wanted at home with his father, but chose to live and eat in the pig pen. But when he decided to go home, his father was waiting with open arms.

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If you've gotten drawn away from the King's table, know that He is waiting with open arms to restore you to the place that was meant for you and that you have already received. Like Mephibosheth that was redeemed from certain death to eat at the King's table in perpetuity, we are the same opportunity at our heavenly Father's table.