

KIND LIKE WE ARE

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Saul's son Jonathan had a son named Mephibosheth, who was crippled as a child. He was five years old when the report came from Jezreel that Saul and Jonathan had been killed in battle. When the child's nurse heard the news, she picked him up and fled. But as she hurried away, she dropped him, and he became crippled. 2 Samuel 4:4 NLT

At last Jonathan said to David, "Go in peace, for we have sworn loyalty to each other in the Lord's name. The Lord is the witness of a bond between us and our children forever." 1 Samuel 20:42 NLT

"Now swear to me by the Lord that when that happens you will not kill my family and destroy my line of descendants." So David promised this to Saul with an oath. 1 Samuel 24:21,22a NLT

One day David asked, "Is anyone in Saul's family still alive – anyone to whom I can show kindness for Jonathan's sake?" 2 Samuel 9:1 NLT

The king then asked him, "Is anyone still alive from Saul's family? If so, I want to show God's kindness to them." Ziba replied, "Yes, one of Jonathan's sons is still alive. He is crippled in both feet." "Where is he?" the king asked. "In Lo-debar," Ziba told him, "at the home of Makir son of Ammiel." So David sent for him and brought him from Makir's home. His name was Mephibosheth; he was Jonathan's son and Saul's grandson. When he came to David, he bowed low to the ground in deep respect. David said, "Greetings, Mephibosheth." Mephibosheth replied, "I am your servant." "Don't be afraid!" David said. "I intend to show kindness to you because of my promise to your father, Jonathan. I will give you all the property that once belonged to your grandfather Saul, and you will eat here with me at the king's table!" 2 Samuel 9:3-7 NLT

Definition of KINDNESS:

The loyal LOVE that maintains relationships through gracious ACTION in times of need.

KINDNESS: _____ in _____

_____ the ways you have experienced God's kindness.

_____ **this kindness to those around you**

Never let loyalty and kindness leave you! Tie them around your neck as a reminder. Write them deep within your heart. Then you will find favor with both God and people, and you will earn a good reputation. Proverbs 3:3-4 NLT

SUMMER READING PLAN: 2 Samuel Chapters 6-10 & Psalm 32