

When the people in the palace heard that King Saul and his son Jonathan had died in battle, they panicked. Fearful that David was coming to seize the throne, and kill all the sons and grandsons of Saul, they ran for their lives. A nurse took Mephibosheth, Jonathan's son, and ran. But as she fled, the five-year-old boy fell and became lame in both feet. (2 Samuel 4:4) The poor boy would not have been crippled if they had known that David actually loved Jonathan and Saul, and would have looked after Jonathan's son because he had made a covenant with Jonathan. (1 Samuel 18:3)

In this story, King Saul represents the human race. He is like Adam who sinned against God and forfeited all that God gave to man. He had the position, but not the power anymore because of sin. Jonathan, who came after Saul, represents Jesus, who came as a human. Jonathan was not like Saul - he was good, just as Jesus is not like Adam, for Jesus is the perfect Man. David represents God. So Jonathan's covenant with David speaks of Jesus' covenant with God. Mephibosheth represents believers today who are 'lame' in some way - sick, depressed, fearful, poor etc. Mephibosheth became lame because of bad news that was based on a lie. Many believers today are suffering needlessly because they believe the wrong things about God.

God is not out to get you. He knows all about your sins and still loves you. That is why He sent Jesus as the payment for your sins. Because of Jesus' covenant with Him, He says to you, "Don't be afraid, I will surely show you kindness. I will restore all to you and you shall always eat at My table!"

2 Samuel 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.""