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# SUMMER

*Rescue Party*

2 Samuel 9:1-12

## It's easy to forget the people who helped you get where you are.

Perhaps the biggest reason for this is the sheer number of people who have lifted you up along the way. In any given bite of food there are a hundred or even a thousand hands that have helped to bring it to you. Every day the roads you travel on, the stores you visit, or the technology you use has only come to you by means of hundreds of thousands of dedicated scientists, laborers, and dreamers. But, what would happen if you took the time to say thank you to just one of them?

THINK IT OVER

**Who has said a meaningful “thank you” to you in your life? What did it feel like?**

2 Ziba was a servant in Saul's family. David sent for him to come and see him. The king said to him, “Are you Ziba?” “I'm ready to serve you,” he replied. 3 The king asked, “Isn't anyone left from the royal house of Saul? God has been very kind to me. I would like to be kind to someone in the same way.”

1) God has been ‘showing’ you kindness so that you can learn how to show it to others.

THINK IT OVER

**How has God been kind and good to you? How can you extend this kindness and goodness to others?**

Ziba answered the king, "A son of Jonathan is still living. Both of his feet were hurt." 4 "Where is he?" the king asked. Ziba answered, "He's in the town of Lo Debar. He's staying at the house of Makir, the son of Ammiel." 5 So King David had Mephibosheth brought from Makir's house in Lo Debar. 6 Mephibosheth came to David. He was the son of Jonathan, the son of Saul. Mephibosheth bowed down to David to show him respect. David said, "Mephibosheth!" "I'm ready to serve you," he replied. 7 "Don't be afraid," David told him. "You can be sure that I will be kind to you because of your father Jonathan. I'll give back to you all of the land that belonged to your grandfather Saul. And I'll always provide what you need." 8 Mephibosheth bowed down to David. He said, "Who am I? Why should you pay attention to me? I'm nothing but a dead dog."

2) The best way to show God's love is to extend forgiveness in any way you can.

THINK IT OVER

**Is there someone you haven't forgiven in your life? Why? What's holding you back? How would your life look different if you forgave them? How would their life look different?**

9 Then the king sent for Saul's servant Ziba. He said to him, "I'm giving your master's grandson everything that belonged to Saul and his family. 10 You and your sons and your servants must farm the land for him. You must bring in the crops. Then he'll be taken care of. I'll always provide what he needs." Ziba had 15 sons and 20 servants. 11 Then Ziba said to the king, "I'll do anything you command me to do. You are my king and master." So David provided what Mephibosheth needed. He treated him like one of the king's sons. 12 Mephibosheth had a young son named Mica. All of the members of Ziba's family became servants of Mephibosheth. 13 Mephibosheth lived in Jerusalem. The king always provided what he needed. Both of his feet were hurt.

3) See the blessing through to the end so your blessing won't become a burden.

THINK IT OVER

**Is there unfinished good works you've started? What would it look like to see them through to the end?**