

The King and the Cripple

➤ Seven Steps, or the Kindness of God *Never Give Up Hope*

1. Fallen

- Man's Literal Physical Condition (2 Samuel 4:4)
- Fallen – Man's Spiritual Condition (Romans 5:12)

2. Fatherless

- Jonathan died when Mephibosheth was 5 (1 Samuel 31:2)
“Being raised without a father’s love and guidance”
- God is the Father of the Fatherless (Psalms 68:5)

3. Friendless – Because Mephibosheth Had No Family

- Orphaned of the House of Saul (2 Samuel 9:1)
- Having little remaining family, he lived in the house of Machir (2 Samuel 9:1–4)

4. Famished – Lodebar means no thing, no word, no pasture

No real place for refuge in the wilderness. Where does God take us from?

5. Fetched

- King David sent and fetched him (2 Samuel 9:5)
“Someone Cared enough” Wanted to set him at his table
- God Sent His Son to Fetch Man (John 3:16)

6. Favoured – "I will Shew Thee Kindness for Jonathan's Sake" (2 Samuel 9:7)

Why is God willing to Save us? For Christ’s Sake!!! Nothing good in us! I am a dog.

7. Fed (For His Father's Sake)

- He ate continually at the King’s Table (2 Samuel 9:7–13)
- Best of the Best (John 21:12)
- God Has Invited His Children "Come and Dine!!!" (Revelation 19:9)