



Morningside Church

Sermon Discussion Guide

Title: Every Life Matters

Date: January 18, 2026

Scripture Text: 2 Samuel 9:1-13

Notes:

Today is Sanctity of Human Life Sunday. It is an opportunity each year for us to pause and remember that life is from God, and it is precious. In today's humanistic culture, life is valued less and less. We must remember that we are God's creation and to view others as God does. Regardless of the stage of life, conception, baby, youth, adult, senior citizen, the preciousness of life spans all ages. We are special not because of anything we might do or have, but because of Who created us. Let's take a look at the life of a young man named Mephibosheth and a king, who would have been justified to take his life, but demonstrated the importance of Mephibosheth and how much he mattered.

I. No Life is Forgotten by God (2 Sam. 9:1-4)

This chapter begins with David asking if anyone from King Saul's family still lived so he could show him kindness for Jonathan's sake. Jonathan, who was the eldest son of king Saul, and David were close friends, even calling each other brother. Both Saul and Jonathan had been killed in battle and the throne transitioned to David. Back in [1 Sam. 20:14-17](#), Jonathan and David make a vow that if Jonathan were to die, David would treat his family survivors with faithful love. David wanted to follow through with the commitment he made to Jonathan. David learned that there was indeed a surviving son of Jonathan's.

- From a humanistic perspective, what usually happened to those relatives of a deposed king, especially those who could lay claim to the throne?
- How are David's actions to seek to show kindness to a descendent of Saul's a reflection of God's perspective, not man's?
- How do David's actions show that no one is forgotten by God?
- What are ways we can make sure those around us, our neighbors, coworkers, etc. don't feel forgotten?

II. Every Life has Value to God (2 Sam. 9:5-7)

Although Mephibosheth didn't feel he was valued, being the only remaining son of Jonathan, David showed him kindness and value by restoring his grandfather's land to him. Mephibosheth, who had apparently been dependent up to this point on the hospitality of a generous individual in Lo-debar, suddenly became a rich man, the owner of wealth-producing property. Additionally, Mephibosheth was invited to eat at the king's table, a place of honor few shared.



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- How does God show that we are valued by Him?
- According to [Rom. 5:8](#), God demonstrated His love for us by Christ dying for us. How can knowing we are valued by God give us better perspective on the value of others?
- How can being valued by God motivate us to show Him how much we love Him by living according to His word?
- How can we show others how valuable they are to God?

III. God Can Transform Any Life (2 Sam. 9:8-13)

“The kindness of God ([vs. 3](#)), on which David modelled his kindness, was not limited, but freely given to the undeserving as an act of free grace. Jonathan had given gracious help to David when he was driven from the king’s table, and now David has been able to show kindness in return by giving to Jonathan’s son security and honor.” (Baldwin)

- Mephibosheth saw himself as having no worth. He describes himself as a dead dog, servant, i.e. not deserving of attention. Describe a time you may have felt that way.
- Mephibosheth was transformed from a servant to a son ([vs. 11](#)). Explain your transformation from a servant to sin (lost) to a child of God (saved).
- How is that transformation continuing?
- Mephibosheth did not seek out David, but David sought him. The same applies to our relationship with God. He seeks us out. How can knowing we are sought by God encourage us to share His love with others?

“Human life is created in God’s image, and that makes it sacred.” — Colin S. Smith

“One human life is worth more than all the treasures of the earth.” — Seth Adam Smith

“I would tell you that for me the sanctity of life proceeds out of the belief that ancient principle that - where God says before you were formed in the womb, I knew you, and so for my first time in public life, I sought to stand with great compassion for the sanctity of life.” — Mike Pence

“But because we accept the sanctity of life, the responsibility that comes with freedom and the supreme sacrifice of Christ expressed so well in the hymn: ‘When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of Glory died. My richest gain I count but loss and pour contempt on all my pride.’” — Margaret Thatcher