



Fueled by Inheritance

Focus God has given us “vehicles” that will carry us back to a renewed sense of our positions as children of God, including an understanding of our inheritance in Him.

Open What do you like most about the end of summer/fall?

Read God has given each of us an inheritance through Jesus that “can never perish, spoil or fade” (1 Peter 1:3, NIV).

In 2 Samuel 9, David sought out the remaining descendants of his friend, Jonathan, so he could bless them as he promised he would. Mephibosheth, a cripple, was the only one left and, according to the law, was not allowed to enter the royal palace. But because of David’s covenant with his father, Jonathan, Mephibosheth lived the rest of his life inside the palace with the blessing of the king.

Likewise, we receive an inheritance from God because of the covenant made through Jesus. Therefore, our identity in Christ is greater than our brokenness, weaknesses, iniquities and limitations. God is not ashamed of our brokenness nor does He just “tolerate” us. He loves and desires friendship with each one of us. Your inheritance in God is not based on your ability to perform or give back to God, but because of your covenant with Him.

Talk 1. Like Mephibosheth in 2 Samuel 9:8, why do most of us tend to identify ourselves by our weaknesses?

2. What is your initial reaction when you realize that your past, weaknesses, iniquities, limitations, etc., do not disqualify you from receiving an inheritance as a child of God?
3. Some of our limitations have been given to us by God—they are “built in.” Read 2 Corinthians 12:8. How should we respond to these limitations? How do you tend to respond?
4. Read 1 Peter 1:3–9. What, specifically, is our inheritance in Christ?

Live

1. Why is your real identity in Christ greater than your brokenness?
2. By what weaknesses have you tended to identify yourself? Have you felt that they disqualified you before God in some way? How?
3. When Mephibosheth identified himself as a “dead dog,” King David identified him as an heir to royalty. Based on today’s discussion, how do you think Jesus identifies you and wants you to identify yourself?

Pray

Take several minutes to thank God for the inheritance you have been given through Jesus. Thank Him for His grace. Ask Him to help you lay aside the wrong ways in which you have identified yourself and to receive, by faith, His grace and inheritance through Jesus. Ask Him to break off all shame from your life, and for the Holy Spirit to lead you into the truth about who you are in Him.