

*Courageous Leaders Mature*

Courage to Lead – Part 7

II Samuel 7,8 &9

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Why do you think maturity is critical for a leader?

Have you ever underestimated someone’s character or abilities?

**How Does Mature Leaders Lead?**

**I.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (7:1-12)**

II Samuel 7:1-2  *“After the king was settled in his palace and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, 2 he said to Nathan the prophet, “Here I am, living in a house of cedar, while the ark of God remains in a tent.”*

II Samuel 7:5-6  *“Go and tell my servant David, ‘This is what the Lord says: Are you the one to build me a house to dwell in? 6 I have not dwelt in a house from the day I brought the Israelites up out of Egypt to this day. I have been moving from place to place with a tent as my dwelling.”*

II Samuel 7:11-12 *“‘…The Lord declares to you that the Lord himself will establish a house for you: 12 When your days are over and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, your own flesh and blood, and I will establish his kingdom.”*

1. David recognizes that he is\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (7:18-24)
	1. Who Am I?
2. And God’s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (7:22-24)
	1. O Sovereign Lord!

**II.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (8:1-15)**

II Samuel 8:1  *“In the course of time, David defeated the Philistines and subdued them, and he took Metheg Ammah from the control of the Philistines.”*

II Samuel 8:9-11 *“When Tou, king of Hamath heard that David had defeated the entire army of Hadadezer, 10 he sent his son Joram[e] to King David to greet him and congratulate him on his victory in battle over Hadadezer, who had been at war with Tou. Joram brought with him articles of silver, of gold and of bronze.11 King David dedicated these articles to the Lord, as he had done with the silver and gold from all the nations, he had subdued…”*

II Samuel 8:15 “*David reigned over all Israel, doing what was just and right for all his people.”*

**III.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (9:3-7)**

II Samuel 9:3-7 *“The king asked, “Is there no one still alive from the house of Saul to whom I can show God’s kindness?” Ziba answered the king, “There is still a son of Jonathan; he is lame in both feet.” 4 “Where is he?” the king asked. Ziba answered, “He is at the house of Makir son of Ammiel in Lo Debar.” 5 So King David had him brought from Lo Debar, from the house of Makir son of Ammiel. 6 When Mephibosheth son of Jonathan, the son of Saul, came to David, he bowed down to pay him honor. David said, “Mephibosheth!” “At your service,” he replied. 7 “Don’t be afraid,” David said to him, “for I will surely show you kindness for the sake of your father Jonathan. I will restore to you all the land that belonged to your grandfather Saul, and you will always eat at my table.”*

**Point:**

Doggy Bag: Something to take home and chew on!

1. What kind of potential do you think God has given you?
2. What talents do you have that you think God may want to use in God's service?
3. What difficult experiences in your life has God used to mature and prepare you for God’s service?
4. Like David did for Mephibosheth, in what places can you take action in an appropriate and healthy way to reduce someone else from embarrassment, humiliation, or status?
5. Who do you need to honor and show grace to?