*Grace is Enough*

The Bounce Back – Part 3

II Samuel 16:1-4 & 19:24-30

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Q: Where are you feeling “knocked down” right now?

What’s your plan for getting back up?

II Samuel 16:1-4 *Now when David had passed a little beyond the summit, behold, Ziba the servant of Mephibosheth met him with a couple of saddled donkeys, and on them were two hundred loaves of bread, a hundred clusters of raisins, a hundred summer fruits, and a jug of wine. 2 The king said to Ziba, "Why do you have these?" And Ziba said, "The donkeys are for the king's household to ride, and the bread and summer fruit for the young men to eat, and the wine, for whoever is faint in the wilderness to drink." 3 Then the king said, "And where is your master's son?" And Ziba said to the king, "Behold, he is staying in Jerusalem, for he said, 'Today the house of Israel will restore the kingdom of my father to me.'" 4 So the king said to Ziba, "Behold, all that belongs to Mephibosheth is yours." And Ziba said, "I prostrate myself; let me find favor in your sight, O my lord, the king!"* (NAU)

II Samuel 19:24-30 *Then Mephibosheth the son of Saul came down to meet the king; and he had neither cared for his feet, nor trimmed his mustache, nor washed his clothes, from the day the king departed until the day he came home in peace. 25 It was when he came from Jerusalem to meet the king, that the king said to him, "Why did you not go with me, Mephibosheth?" 26 So he answered, "O my lord, the king, my servant deceived me; for your servant said, 'I will saddle a donkey for myself that I may ride on it and go with the king,' because your servant is lame. 27 Moreover, he has slandered your servant to my lord the king; but my lord the king is like the angel of God, therefore do what is good in your sight. 28 For all my father's household was nothing but dead men before my lord the king; yet you set your servant among those who ate at your own table. What right do I have yet that I should complain anymore to the king?" 29 So the king said to him, "Why do you still speak of your affairs? I have decided, 'You and Ziba shall divide the land.'" 30 Mephibosheth said to the king, "Let him even take it all, since my lord the king has come safely to his own house."* (NAU)

Point:

Doggy Bag: Something to take home and chew on! 

1. When have you felt like you lost everything? Do you know what it is like to be knocked down so far that you doubt you will ever get back up? What did that feel like?
2. Have you ever experienced God’s grace that changed your life? Do you know what it is to be lost and then found? Do you know what it is to be dead and brought to life? Have you ever experienced the King give you a new life? When? What did that feel like?
3. How has grace made you a new person? What kind of new person would you like to be?
4. How would you live differently if you understood that you were a child of the king?