Meffie’s Surprise

**Introduction:** I want to talk about a Biblical situation that you may have never heard of before. It is about a boy that would have been unremarkable and unknown but for King David wanting to honor the man who spent years trying to kill him.

**Read:** II Samuel 4:4 & 9:1-13 **Tell the story!**

**Text:** II Samuel 9:13 “...he did eat continually at the king's table…”

**I. Crippled by a fall:** (by the one he loved the most) as the kings grandson he was raised by his nurse. She was just like a mother to him. She was trying to save his life when she dropped him. She had his best interests in mind when she caused him to become a cripple. Sin is like that we think that we are doing what is in our best interest when sin drops us like a hot potato. Sin causes all sorts of disease. Sin causes us to be in prison. Sin breaks up families. Sin is the source of all sorrow.

**II. Sought by a king:** Someone was looking for him and he didn’t know it. He was getting on with his life and doing quite well for a wanted man. If you had told him that the king was looking for him he would have proudly told you that he would never be caught and placed into the bondage that he was sure that the king had planned.

**III. Hiding from his savior:** (the one who could help him the most). Meffie lived in Lodebar (it was a very poor part of the city). No one would expect a relative of the king to live there. He was safe (only one trusted friend from the past knew where he was and who he was). He was safe here. The king would never get him. He was free!

**IV. Betrayed by a friend:** Do you remember being witnessed to? You thought the person was a nut; right? Most of you resisted Christ. You were afraid that being a Christian meant that you had to give up all your fun. You couldn’t get drunk anymore; you couldn’t get high any more. You’d have to live like a monk. How could a reasonable person expect you to live like that? Ziba knew something that Meffie didn’t.

Brought to the king: Ziba told him that the king wanted only good for him but he couldn’t believe it. It went against everything that he had believed up to this point. He listened to the king, he believed him, he wondered why he had not believed in the king a long time ago. He began to regret the life that he had been living.

**V. Becomes a son:** He has nothing to offer so he accepts the kings’ offer. Ziba carries him up to a room that is larger than his whole house. He receives a bath and when he gets out he finds brand new clothes laid out for him. At dinner time he is carried down to the dining hall. He sees a table with piles of food. “Oh Ziba, there’s more food than I’ve ever seen.” “Meffie, that’s not our food, that’s for the servants. You are dinning with the king.” The Kings’ table makes the servants table look like a poor man’s meal. As Meffie sits down he is to the right of Bathsheba and across from Joab. He sits right where the kings favorite son would sit. He sees the white linen tablecloth as it falls down over his legs. At this table his crippled legs have disappeared. As long as he sits with the king his handicap disappears.

**Conclude:** talk about salvation. You and I were crippled by a fall. We too hid from our savior. We thought that He would take away all of our fun. We had no idea that all he wanted for us was that we could enjoy Him and all that He has for us. Altar Call for salvation.