

## Loyalty

*All Scriptures are from the New American Standard Version (1977) unless otherwise indicated.*

**2 Samuel 16:1-2** 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** And 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.”

**2 Samuel 16:3-4** 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!”

**2 Samuel 19:25-27** And 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.

**2 Samuel 19:28** “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?”

**2 Samuel 19:29-30** 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** And Mephibosheth said to the king, “Let him even take it all, since my lord the king has come safely to his own house.”

**John 14:6** Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but through Me.

**Luke 23:34** But Jesus was saying, “Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.” And they cast lots, dividing up His garments among themselves.

**2 Samuel 16:5** When King David came to Bahurim, behold, there came out from there a man of the family of the house of Saul whose name was Shimei, the son of Gera; he came out cursing continually as he came.

**2 Samuel 16:6-8** And he threw stones at David and at all the servants of King David; and all the people and all the mighty men were at his right hand and at his left. **7** And thus Shimei said when he cursed, “Get out, get out, you man of bloodshed, and worthless fellow! **8** “The LORD has returned upon you all the bloodshed of the house of Saul, in whose place you have reigned; and the LORD has given the kingdom into the hand of your son Absalom. And behold, you are *taken* in your own evil, for you are a man of bloodshed!”

**Romans 12:15** Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep.

**Matthew 5:43-44** “You have heard that it was said, ‘YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR, and hate your enemy.’ **44** “But I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you **45** in order that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven; for He causes His sun to rise on *the* evil and *the* good, and sends rain on *the* righteous and *the* unrighteous.

**Romans 5:10** For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

**2 Samuel 16:8** “The LORD has returned upon you all the bloodshed of the house of Saul, in whose place you have reigned; and the LORD has given the kingdom into the hand of your son Absalom. And behold, you are *taken* in your own evil, for you are a man of bloodshed!”

**2 Samuel 16:9-13** Then Abishai the son of Zeruiah said to the king, “Why should this dead dog curse my lord the king? Let me go over now, and cut off his head.” **10** But the king said, “What have I to do with you, O sons of Zeruiah? If he curses, and if the LORD has told him, ‘Curse David,’ then who shall say, ‘Why have you done so?’” **11** Then David said to Abishai and to all his servants, “Behold, my son who came out from me seeks my life; how much more now this Benjamite? Let him alone and let him curse, for the LORD has told him. **12** “Perhaps the LORD will look on my affliction and return good to me instead of his cursing this day.” **13** So David and his men went on the way; and Shimei went along on the hillside parallel with him and as he went he cursed, and cast stones and threw dust at him.

**1 John 1:8** If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**1 John 1:9** If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.