

SCCC – BETRAYED BY HEART’S EMOTIONS

S - Scriptures

Mephibosheth, Saul’s grandson, also went down to meet the king. He had not taken care of his feet or trimmed his mustache or washed his clothes from the day the king left until the day he returned safely. 2 Samuel 19: 24

C – Consideration

Mephibosheth’s father was the greatest friend David ever had. His name was Jonathan. Many times he helped and protected David from his father Saul. They had done a covenant, and David promised to keep Jonathan’s descendants alive. When David was running for his life from Jerusalem, Ziba, who was a slave of Mephibosheth, met the King with food to supply David’s men, and he made up a story to take away the propriety from Jonathan’s son. And his scheme worked, “Then the king said to Ziba, “All that belonged to Mephibosheth is now yours.” The Scriptures show that the crippled man never did what his betrayer had told David. As the narrative unfolded, “My lord the king, since I your servant am lame, I said, ‘I will have my donkey saddled and will ride on it, so I can go with the king.’ But Ziba my servant betrayed me. And he has slandered your servant to my lord the king. My lord the king is like an angel of God; so do whatever you wish. The king said to him, “Why say more? I order you and Ziba to divide the land.” Mephibosheth said to the king, “Let him take everything, now that my lord the king has returned home safely.”

C – Commitment

David had done some terrible mistakes in his life. Usually the most known is the wicked behavior of committing an adultery and murdered an innocent man. However, this event brings up another great one. First, he believed in a lie and quickly sentenced the innocent man, taking his belongings and giving them to the liar. Later on, once the truth was revealed he should have acted with justice, yet he spared the wicked and kept punishing the innocent. It seemed that David didn’t really deal with his hurt against Saul, Mephibosheth’s grandfather. During his vulnerability, he believed in lies, he made a rash judgment; he despised a true friend and rewarded an evil person. David’s lack of discernment in that period was so obvious that Joab, his army commander had told him probably a day or two before this incident, after his kingdom was restored to him by his valiant soldiers, who risked their lives to spare him, from his enemies “You love those who hate you and hate those who love you. You have made it clear today that the commanders and their men mean nothing to you.

C – Call

My God, give me a discerning and wise heart. Deliver me from judging others out of my own eyes, but rather always in prayer ask You for guidance. Help me recognize and love the cripples You bring into my life and run away from gossiping and unscrupulous people who can poison my heart with lies. In Jesus’ name, I pray. Amen.