

THINK DIFFERENTLY

Part 2: Redefining Our Lives

AS WE THINK ABOUT OURSELVES

A. Definers of our lives

1. Appearance
2. Status - where someone stands in society
3. Ability - both physical and mental
4. Heritage - family, race, upbringing

B. God sees us differently (1 Samuel 16:7 NKJV)

1. God is not outwardly oriented - He looks at the heart which indicates what is important to Him
2. We can follow His lead and add spiritual definers to our lives - It's our spiritual position and condition that matters most

A MAN REDEFINED (2 Samuel 9:1-10 NIV)

A. Mephibosheth's perspective

1. A grandson of Saul and enemy of David
2. Lame in both feet
3. Living in a low state
4. David was responsible for his condition

B. David's perspective

1. Wanted to find someone related to Jonathan
2. Was looking to help and bless

C. Mephibosheth has to redefine his life

1. No longer able to blame David for his problems
2. No longer afraid of David
3. No longer regarded as a dead dog
4. No longer having to depend on others to provide for him

REDEFINING OUR LIVES - THINKING DIFFERENTLY ABOUT WHO WE ACTUALLY ARE

A. It's a faith thing

1. Choosing to believe what God says
2. Faith is how we live and walk with God (2 Corinthians 5:7 NKJV)

B. Dare to believe what God says about our new identity

1. Mephibosheth had to trust that David was not lying to him
2. We are not refurbished we are new creations (1 Peter 2:9 NIV)
3. We stop defining ourselves the old way we used to

C. It's because of Jesus

1. Mephibosheth did nothing to earn his place at the king's table
2. We did nothing to earn God's goodness and blessings (Ephesians 2:4-6 NIV)