

1. Describe a favorite happy ending in a movie, book, or play. What about the ending makes it a favorite? How would the story be different without it?
2. Read 2 Samuel 8. In what ways does David experience the Lord's provision? How does he respond? What about David's response to the Lord's provision is instructive for us as we experience it as well?
3. Read 2 Samuel 9. How can we identify with Mephibosheth's need? How does his posture before David demonstrate a right posture we can have before God?
4. Into what blessings does David invite Mephibosheth? How do those blessings correlate with the blessings the Lord invites us to accept? How does David's generosity point towards Jesus?
5. Read 2 Samuel 10. How is David's heart once again on display? When David's kindness is rejected, how does he respond? How does Joab's attitude in battle take on the attitude of David? Why is this important for followers of God?
6. In what ways has your pursuit of the "happily ever after" left you disappointed? How does the promise of God as reflected through the life of King David give you hope? Take a moment to thank God for the mercy He has extended towards you and invite him to help you reflect His mercy to those around you.