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# A Compassionate Heart

Please use the space below to take notes on today's message:

## Take It Homework

We encourage you to not only do these exercises on your own, but also with a group of friends, co-workers, neighbors, small group or family members.

Last week, Pastor Sara talked about the seriousness and significance of "covenants" for the Israelite People. She talked about how covenants were passed down for generations and were meant to be kept "unto death." In our passage this week, we looked at how David, not only clung to covenants with God, but was also faithful to the covenants he made with men.

In 1 Samuel 20, we read about David's covenant of friendship with Jonathan. The exact line from verse 42 reads, "We have sworn friendship with each other in the name of the Lord."

- Have you ever experienced this? Perhaps it was a formal covenant/ pledge or maybe more unspoken, yet mutually understood. But, have you ever sworn friendship or pledged to be there for someone through thick and thin? Share about that experience.

One thing I love about the story of Mephibosheth is that it comes on the heals of success. David is at the top of his game. Everything is going well, and he is enjoying what we might call, "The Good Life." But success wasn't the ultimate goal for David. It wasn't the end. It didn't fill the deep longings of his heart the way many of us believe that it will. At the pinnacle of his life, career and achievements, David turns to compassion.

- Why do you think compassion resonates so deeply at the core of who we are?

The other thing I notice in this story is that compassion doesn't just manifest itself in David's life; he has to search for it. He has to go looking for it. He has to be intentional about being a man of compassion.

- How have you found this to be true in your life?
- Who is someone you know who intentionally seeks out ways to show compassion?
- In what ways do you show compassion to people in this world?
- Are you satisfied with the amount of compassion flowing out of your life? How might you begin to improve in this area?