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Again I saw something meaningless under the sun: <sup>8</sup> There was a man all alone; he had neither son nor brother. There was no end to his toil, yet his eyes were not content with his wealth. "For whom am I toiling," he asked, "and why am I depriving myself of enjoyment?" This too is meaningless— a miserable business! <sup>9</sup> Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their work: <sup>10</sup> If one falls down, his friend can help him up. But pity the man who falls and has no one to help him up! <sup>11</sup> Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm. But how can one keep warm alone?

<sup>12</sup> Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.

*Ecclesiastes 4:7-12*

**3** influences our kids need

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(King) David asked, "Is there anyone still left of the house of Saul to whom I can show kindness for Jonathan's sake?"

<sup>3b</sup> Ziba answered the king, "There is still a son of Jonathan; he is crippled in both feet."

<sup>6b</sup> David said, "Mephibosheth!" "Your servant," he replied.

<sup>7</sup> "Don't be afraid," David said to him, "for I will surely show you kindness for the sake of your father Jonathan. I will restore to you all the land that belonged to your grandfather Saul, and you will always eat at my table." <sup>8</sup> Mephibosheth bowed down and said, "What is your servant, that you should notice a dead dog like me?"

<sup>11b</sup> "So Mephibosheth ate at David's table like one of the king's sons.

<sup>12a</sup> Mephibosheth had a young son named Mica...

<sup>13</sup> And Mephibosheth lived in Jerusalem, because he always ate at the king's table, and he was crippled in both feet.

*2 Samuel 9:1, 3b, 6b-8, 11b-12a, 13*

**next steps**

*Recommended readings:*

[Kid CEO](#) – Ed Young, Jr.

[Orange](#) – Reggie Joiner

[Raising Kids For True Greatness](#) – Dr. Tim Kimmel

[Preparing For Adolescence](#) – Dr. James Dobson

[Bringing Up Kids Without Tearing Them Down](#) – Dr. Kevin Leman

[Parenting With Love and Logic](#) – Dr. Foster Cline and Jim Fay

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