

A SERVANT AT THE KING'S TABLE

2 Samuel 8:1–10:19

Most of us like having options. We like deciding where we'll go, what we'll do, and how we'll respond. Which can make the idea of a *king* difficult for us. A king's authority isn't dependent upon our approval. We don't decide whether he reigns, only how we'll respond to his reign. And that matters because we don't merely *believe* in a God who *rescues* us—we *belong* to a God who *rules* us. But what kind of King is he? Scripture reveals a King whose reign is righteous, whose power cannot be resisted, and whose kindness reaches helpless and undeserving people. In Jesus Christ, the promised Son of David, that King has come near to his enemies with an astonishing offer of grace: forgiveness, life, and a place in his household. The King's kindness can be rejected, but his reign cannot. So how are we responding to the King?

A Righteous Reign

8:1–18

A Gracious Welcome

9:1–13

A Rejected Kindness

10:1–19