

Embrace His Grace!

2 Samuel 9:1-13

1. David asked, "Is there anyone still left of the house of Saul to whom I can show kindness for Jonathan's sake?"
2. Now there was a servant of Saul's household named Ziba. They called him to appear before David, and the king said to him, "Are you Ziba?" "Your servant," he replied.
3. The king asked, "Is there no one still left of the house of Saul to whom I can show God's kindness?" Ziba answered the king, "There is still a son of Jonathan; he is crippled in both feet."
4. "Where is he?" the king asked. Ziba answered, "He is at the house of Makir son of Ammiel in Lo Debar."
5. So King David had him brought from Lo Debar, from the house of Makir son of Ammiel.
6. When Mephibosheth son of Jonathan, the son of Saul, came to David, he bowed down to pay him honor. David said, "Mephibosheth!" "Your servant," he replied.
7. "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."
8. Mephibosheth bowed down and said, "What is your servant, that you should notice a dead dog like me?"
9. Then the king summoned Ziba, Saul's servant, and said to him, "I have given your master's grandson everything that belonged to Saul and his family.
10. You and your sons and your servants are to farm the land for him and bring in the crops, so that your master's grandson may be provided for. And Mephibosheth, grandson of your master, will always eat at my table." (Now Ziba had fifteen sons and twenty servants.)
11. Then Ziba said to the king, "Your servant will do whatever my lord the king commands his servant to do." So Mephibosheth ate at David's table like one of the king's sons.
12. Mephibosheth had a young son named Mica, and all the members of Ziba's household were servants of Mephibosheth.
13. And Mephibosheth lived in Jerusalem, because he always ate at the king's table, and he was crippled in both feet.

GRACE: God's favor that is unearned, undeserved and unrepayable along with God's empowerment to live a life pleasing to Him.

2 Tim. 2:1 ... be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.

1 Pet. 4:10 ... as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

2 Pet. 3:18 But grow in grace, ...

Rev. 22:21 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

Vs.3 - "Is there no one still left of the house of Saul to whom I can show God's kindness?"

I. Grace will find you first!

1. God's grace remembers us!

Ziba = Station

2. God's grace pursues us!

Lo-Debar – "no pasture" barren, desolate place, hiding place, destitute place.

3. God's grace carries us!

2 Cor. 12:9 ... "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."

II. Grace is where you abandon your crippled past!

1. Abandon a crippled life!

2. Abandon a crippled mentality!

III. Grace is where you discover who you were born to be!

1. It's a royal family position!

Vs. 11 "So Mephibosheth ate at David's table like one of the king's sons".

2. *It's a continuous position!*

Vs. 7 "you will always eat at my table".

IV. Grace is where you embrace god's favor at his son's expense!

vs. 7 - "for I will surely show you kindness for the sake of your father Jonathan"

Heb. 4:16 - Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.