

GRACE

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“For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.” (John 1:16 NIV84)

Lessons about God’s amazing grace:

> BACKGROUND...

1 Samuel 18:1-3 “One in spirit” / Loyal brotherhood

1 Samuel 31:6 So Saul and his three sons and his armor-bearer and all his men died together that same day.

2 Sam 4:4 Jonathan son of Saul had a son who was lame in both feet. He was five years old when the news about Saul and Jonathan came from Jezreel. His nurse picked him up and fled, but as she hurried to leave, he fell and became disabled. His name was Mephibosheth.

I. DAVID _____ TO BLESS OTHERS. (2 Samuel 9)

2 Samuel 9:1 David asked, “Is there anyone still left of the house of Saul to whom I can show kindness for Jonathan’s sake?”

Q1: Am I _____ looking to bless people?

II. DAVID PURSUES _____ PEOPLE.

2 Samuel 9:2 Now there was a servant of Saul’s household named **Zibo**. They summoned him to appear before David, and the king said to him, “Are you Ziba?” “At your service,” he replied. 3 The king asked, “Is there no one still alive from 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 lame in both feet.**”

2 Samuel 9:4 “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.

Q2: Is my grace _____ by people’s flaws?

1 Corinthians 6:11

III. DAVID EXTENDS _____ TO THE UNDESERVING.

2 Samuel 9:6 When Mephibosheth son of Jonathan, the son of Saul, came to David, he **bowed down** to pay him honor David said, “Mephibosheth!” “At your service,” 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?”

Q3: Do you feel _____ before God?

Philippians 3:9 Not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God and is by faith.

IV. DAVID _____ AMAZING GRACE.

2 Samuel 9:9 Then the king summoned Ziba, Saul’s steward, 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 Mika, 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; he was lame in both feet.**

Q4: Do you think Mephibosheth understood _____ ?

V. SEVEN LESSONS OF GRACE...

1. _____ with Father.
2. Suffered a crippling “_____”.
3. The king extended _____.
4. The _____ received grace.
5. The king _____ relationship.
6. The king _____ into his family.
7. The _____ dined daily.