

## **God's Dedication Toward Us**

### **2 Samuel 9:1-13**

2 Samuel 9:1-3a Now David said, "Is there still anyone who is left of the house of Saul, that I may show him kindness for Jonathan's sake?" And there was a servant of the house of Saul whose name was Ziba. So when they had called him to David, the king said to him, "Are you Ziba?" He said, "At your service!" Then the king said, "Is there not still someone of the house of Saul, to whom I may show the kindness of God?"

Read 1 Samuel 20: 14-17 What promise had David made to Jonathan?

Why was this very important in that culture?

Proverbs 20:25; Numbers 30:1-4; Psalm 15 What importance does God put on vows we make?

**David is a man of his word; God keeps his Word; We need to keep our word!**

2 Samuel 9:3b-8 And Ziba said to the king, "There is still a son of Jonathan who is lame in his feet." So the king said to him, "Where is he?" And Ziba said to the king, "Indeed he is in the house of Machir the son of Ammiel, in Lo Debar. Then King David sent and brought him out of the house of Machir the son of Ammiel, from Lo Debar. Now when Mephibosheth the son of Jonathan, the son of Saul, had come to David, he fell on his face and prostrated himself. Then David said, Mephibosheth? And he answered, "Here is your servant!" So David said to him, "Do not fear, for I will surely show you kindness for Jonathan your father's sake, and will restore to you all the land of Saul your grandfather; and you shall eat bread at my table continually." Then he bowed himself, and said, "What is your servant, that you should look upon such a dead dog as I?"

What happened to Jonathan's son that caused him to see himself as a dead dog?

What has happened in your life that Satan has used to cripple you in some way?

What do you think makes a "lame" person hide from God?

Read 2 Samuel 9: 9-13. How is David's response to Mephibosheth a picture of how God responds to us when we come to Him in brokenness and humility?

**God's grace brings us love!**

Ephesians 2:8-10 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them. According to Ephesians 2:8-10, how are we saved?

What part do good works have in the whole process of salvation?

Read Romans 8:31-32. What can stop us from being victorious in Jesus?

**God's grace brings us restoration.** 2 Corinthians 5:17

**God's grace brings us acceptance.** Ephesians 3:1-6

**God's grace brings us abundance.** How is Mephibosheth sitting at King David's table a picture God's provision for us?

Do we deserve God's abundance?

**Take your eyes off your "feet" and look to the King!!**

**Matthew 6:33 ...seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.**