

The Table Matters

5-Day Devotional - 3.1.26

Day 1

Grace Knows Your Address

Reading: 2 Samuel 9:1-7

Devotional:

Mephibosheth lived in Lodabar—a forgotten, barren place—believing he was defined by his brokenness. Yet grace knew exactly where to find him. King David didn't wait for Mephibosheth to clean himself up or prove his worth. He sent for him based on covenant love alone.

You may feel forgotten today, hidden in your own spiritual Lodabar. Perhaps shame whispers that you're too broken, too far gone, or too unworthy. But hear this truth: grace knows your address. God isn't waiting for you to fix yourself before He extends His invitation. Your worth isn't based on your performance but on His faithfulness. Jesus has already paid the price. He's calling your name right now, inviting you from isolation into intimacy, from shame into sonship.

Reflection:

What "Lodabar" are you living in? What makes you feel forgotten or unworthy of God's grace?

Day 2

Covered by the Table

Reading: Psalm 103:8-14

Devotional:

When Mephibosheth sat at David's table, his crippled feet were hidden underneath. The table covered what the fall had exposed. This is the beautiful picture of grace—it doesn't deny your brokenness; it covers it.

The enemy wants you to focus on your limp, your failures, your past. He points to every flaw and whispers, "You're disqualified." But the King sees something different. He sees the covenant sealed in Jesus' blood. At His table, your past is covered, your shame is covered, your weakness is covered. You don't have to hide your brokenness from God—bring it to His table. Grace meets you there, not to condemn but to restore. The King doesn't see what you were; He sees whose you are.

Reflection:

What "crippled feet" are you trying to hide? How does knowing they're covered at God's table change your perspective?

Day 3

The Covenant of Love

Reading: 1 Samuel 20:12-17, 42

Devotional:

David showed kindness to Mephibosheth not because of anything Mephibosheth had done, but because of a covenant he made with Jonathan. This covenant love didn't depend on the recipient's worthiness—it depended on the faithfulness of the one who made the promise.

Your relationship with God works the same way. You're not blessed because you're worthy; you're blessed because Jesus is faithful. God doesn't love you more when you perform well or less when you fail. His love is covenant love—unchanging, unbreakable, unconditional. You were enemies by lineage, dead in sin, unable to save yourself. But Jesus didn't wait for you to deserve it. He died for you while you were still a sinner. That's covenant love. That's grace.

Reflection:

How does understanding covenant love change the way you view your relationship with God?

Day 4

Eating Continually at His Table

Reading: John 15:4-9

Devotional:

Four times in 2 Samuel 9, Scripture emphasizes that Mephibosheth ate "continually" at the king's table. Not occasionally. Not when he felt worthy. Continually. This is God's invitation to you—not just to visit grace, but to live in it.

Many believers are saved but spiritually live in Lodabar. They visit God's table on Sundays but spend the rest of the week feeding at other tables—tables of anxiety, comparison, worldly wisdom, or self-sufficiency. Jesus invites you to abide continually in Him. You need Him every moment, not just in crisis. Grace doesn't just cover you once; it sustains you daily. Stop eating at the wrong tables. Stop letting podcasts pastor your soul or algorithms shape your theology. Plant yourself at the King's table and feast on His presence continually.

Reflection:

What "tables" are competing for your attention? What would it look like to eat continually at God's table?

Day 5

Extending the Invitation

Reading: Luke 14:12-24

Devotional:

David asked, "Is there anyone left that I can show kindness to?" This question should echo in the heart of every believer. The grace that stops with you was never real grace, because grace always flows through you to others.

The kingdom expands when the table expands. Who around you is living in Lodabar? Who feels overlooked, dropped, or hiding in shame? Who needs to hear that there's a seat at the King's table with their name on it? You were once Mephibosheth—broken, unworthy, hiding. But grace found you, restored you, and seated you at the table. Now you get to be the messenger who tells others about the invitation. The seal on that invitation is the blood of Jesus. Go find someone who needs to hear that grace knows their address too.

Reflection:

Who is God calling you to invite to His table? What's one practical step you can take this week to extend His grace to someone else?