

Message Notes | The Life of David

Part 6: A Seat at the King's Table

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- the target of David's *hesed* - **vs. 3-8; Deut. 7:7-9**

#2 How God chooses to love you is _____ your _____.

- the goal wasn't Mephibosheth's independence - **vs. 9-11**

#3 The goal of God's love is to bring you into _____.

- realize what you bring to the table - **vs. 13**

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1. Have you ever been surprised by someone's unexpected kindness? What made it memorable?
2. **Read 2 Samuel 9:1-8.** What details in these verses show that David's kindness toward Mephibosheth was based on David's character rather than Mephibosheth's worthiness?
3. David could have restored Mephibosheth's land without inviting him to his table. What does David's invitation reveal about what he ultimately wanted for Mephibosheth? What does that teach us about God's love for us?
4. People often measure God's love by what he gives or doesn't give them. What are some common ways we can misunderstand God's love when life doesn't go the way we hoped?
5. **Read verses 3 and 13.** How is Mephibosheth described at the beginning and the end? Why do you think the author intentionally repeats this detail?
6. If you're comfortable sharing, what is one weakness, struggle, or insecurity that can make it difficult for you to believe you truly have a secure place with God? Which truth from this passage speaks most directly to that struggle?
7. If you fully believed your place with God was secure because of Jesus, what would change about the way you live this week?

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#1 God's *hesed* love is a stubborn kindness rooted in his character.

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#2 How God chooses to love you is beyond your control.

- the goal wasn't Mephibosheth's independence - **vs. 9-11**

#3 The goal of God's love is to bring you into his presence.

- realize what you bring to the table - **vs. 13**

#4 Even if your weakness remains, your place with God remains secure.

Bible Reading for Today

2 Samuel 9:3-11

³ The king asked, "Is there not 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."

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!"

"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?"

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.