

Spc160 – **Carried To The Table – Part 2 – 2 Samuel 9:13**
Living At The Table

This is a “**Part 2 Msg**” – to **Last week’s** story
of our “**Forever Friend**” - **Mephibosheth**

That’s why I **gave** it the **SAME NAME** (*to keep them **connected***)

So – If **you weren’t** here – please **watch** or **listen to Pt 1** (last wk)
Get the **CCN PHONE APP** – in your **App Store**
Or ask for a CD TODAY – at the Blue Connection Tent

& this “**Part 2**” Msg – is **about** – **LIVING at the Table of the Lord**

I **HAD** to **do** a “**Part-2**” - to **last week’s** msg

Because the **truths illustrated** in the **life** of **Mephibosheth**
are **just** too **BIG**, & too **LIFE CHANGING**

to **walk away from** - **without talking** about the “**NOW WHAT**”

So today is about – The NOW WHAT?

Maybe you Recognized last week
that **Mephibosheth** - **WAS** a picture of **YOU**

That the Lord HAS sent FOR YOU

From your **Own** - **Barren & Desolate** place
& he **HAS** “**Carried You To His Table**”

I Pray you have recognized that

& I Pray you have allowed the Lord
to "Make a place for you" – at His Table

The question today is - "Now What"

Let's Pray

After all we learned about Mephibosheth last week

the very last vs we read
is the one that MOVES ME the most

2 Samuel 9:13 (In The ESV)

13 So Mephibosheth lived in Jerusalem, for he ate always at the king's table. Now he was lame in both his feet.

I don't mean to make us all start crying again
But THIS IS where – the "NOW WHAT" - Begins

Jerusalem is the City of God – & Mephibosheth IS THERE!

He is as far away as he can get
from that barren & lonely place he was CARRIED FROM

But now - there's just ONE WORD we've GOT to Focus on
In order to Begin to understand – the NOW WHAT

It's the Word . . . ALWAYS

“he ate always at the king's table”

Mephibosheth was ALWAYS - at the King's Table

He was ALWAYS in the King's Presence

He was COMMUNING with the King . . . DAILY

AND . . . (here in V.13) . . . we are reminded again
that Mephibosheth was still - *LAME in both his feet*

BUT . . . maybe THAT is what “KEPT HIM”
always at the King's Table

MAYBE . . . Mephibosheth ultimately
saw his DIFFICULTY in life

AS the THING – that KEPT him CLOSE to the King

MAYBE it was the Difficulty in his life
that KEPT him DAILY Communing with the King

& MAYBE . . . - if WE can Grasp that

then we May - begin to see – a Great Good
that God wants to bring out of Our OWN Difficulties

Last week – after the svc – I had a good friend ask me
HOW do I STAY at the Lord's Table . . .

I've come to the Table of the Lord

I've experienced His SALVATION – His MERCY - & His GRACE

But . . . I FADE away or - I'm DRAWN away or - I DRIFT away

& I have to always FIGHT

to come BACK to the Table of the Lord

& He's Right – We Do!

& certainly – there is a PART of that

That is OUR NEED

to always be CRUCIFYING our Flesh Nature

so that we Can Stay - in Communion with the Lord

But – I wonder if it isn't partly because

When we received Jesus as our Savior –

that maybe it wasn't made clear to us

That Our SALVATION is

a FOREVER ABIDING – in the Presence of the Lord

Let's Look at this . . .

If you want to follow me thru this – turn over to JOHN 14

In John 14 – When Jesus was preparing to go the Cross

He said – in John 14:3 (NLT)

3 When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with me where I am.

Isn't that what The King said to Mephibosheth?

“you will always eat (commune) with me at my table”

& here Jesus says – *I am preparing a place for you to always be with me*

Then – a little further down in John 14

John 14:15–16 (NLT)

15 “If you love me, obey my commandments. 16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, who will never leave you.

That's the Holy Spirit – Whose ROLE in the Trinity is to literally be “GOD WITH US” - Always

Jesus has made a place for us to ALWAYS be with Him

& He has given The Holy Spirit – to ALWAYS be with us

Then – in John 14:23 (NLT) → → →

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23 Jesus replied, “All who love me will do what I say. My Father will love them, and we will come and make our home with each of them.

This is GOD Making a Permanent Dwelling Place – IN US

This is GOD - ABIDING with us - ALWAYS

Until we get to that Eternal Place

Where we will ABIDE with him – for Eternity

Do you get the idea

that our Relationship with the Lord – is one of

Always - **ABIDING**,

Always - **COMMUNING**,

Always - **Being** in the **PRESENCE** of the Lord?

& **do** you **see WHY** the **Picture** of **Mephibosheth**
ALWAYS eating at the **Table of the King**

is **SUCH** an **important picture** for us **to GRASP?**

Guys – Please hear me

Our SALVATION is a **FOREVER ABIDING**
in the **Presence of the Lord**

& **maybe** – our **Culture’s “Approach”** to **Salvation**
DOESN’T MAKE THAT - **clear** enough

The Table of the Lord is NOT
a Quick Stop - at a Fast -Food Window

“QWHE QWHE . . . Welcome to Heaven, what can I get you today”

*“Eh, yeah, can I get a Double-Double Salvation with Cheese
& an Extra Large Side of Forgiveness with that
Oh, & a Diet Coke – so I can look good when I get up there”*

I don't mean to poke fun
at our Culture's - “STYLE of Salvation”

I'm just saying – when God CARRIES YOU – from LO-DEBAR

When God CARRIES YOU
from that BARREN & DESOLATE place in your life

& he pours out, upon you - his MERCY & His GRACE

& he SEATS you – at HIS Table

NOT as a Guest

But as a Son or Daughter of the King

When God DOES THAT – HE does it - for ALWAYS

He does it so that YOU - can ALWAYS be With HIM

& so that HE - can ALWAYS be With YOU

THIS – is what **the Bible** calls – **ABIDING in Christ**

It is an “**Always There**” – “**Always Communing**”
Relationship with **Jesus** Christ

& MAYBE - in our **desire** to **get people saved**
MAYBE - we **haven't** made it **clear**

That Jesus **DOESN'T** really **OFFER**
A **Fast-Food Order** of Salvation

THE ONLY SALVATION the **Bible** really offers – is the
“**ALWAYS Communing at the Table of the Lord**” - Salvation

A **Salvation** that is **THE BEGINNING** (literally)
of **an Eternity** - of **ALWAYS ABIDING** with God
& **ALWAYS BEING** in **Communion** with him

So - There is **ONLY ONE** – **Salvation**
There is **Only ONE TYPE** - **of Salvation**

BUT - We **SEE** – **Is** a “**Continuing Call**” - from **Jesus himself**

AS people go from being - **UNBELIEVERS**
to being - **CHRIST-FOLLOWERS**

To UNBELIEVERS

the **CALL** that **Jesus** made **Most Often**, Was

FOLLOW ME – or **COME TO ME**

BUT – To BELIEVERS

the **CALL** that **Jesus** made **Most Often**, Was

ABIDE in ME – or **REMAIN in ME**

That Does NOT mean

there are **TWO TYPES** - of **Salvation**
or 2 CHOICES - of **Salvation**

It means – ONE leads to the OTHER

It means – The **CALL** to **COME to Jesus** - (to **Follow** Him)

LEADS TO The **CALL** – to **ABIDE in Him** – (**Remain** in Him)

It **MEANS** – **When** He **Carries you to the Table**

To **Commune** with **Him** there

That you **learn to ABIDE there**, to **REMAIN there**

It **means** – **AS we GROW** in Him - **We LEARN**

To **ALWAYS** be **Communing with him** - at the **Table of the Lord**

Just look down – at **JOHN CH 15** -

From vs.1 to vs.11 – is the **ABIDE section** of **Jn 15**

We **have** a **10-MSG series** – Done **on** these **Vs's**

You **can GET** that **series** on the **Word-By-Mail Ph App**

Or thru the **Calvary Chapel Nuevo Ph App**

But – **for today** – I just want to **look** at **Vs's 4-5**

Starting with John 15:4 (NLT)

4 Remain (abide) in me, and I will remain (abide) in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain (abide) in me.

Listen to **that vs** again – From the **AMPLIFIED BIBLE**

John 15:4 (AMP)

4 Dwell in Me, and I will dwell in you. [Live in Me, and I will live in you.] Just as no branch can bear fruit of itself without abiding in (being vitaly united to) the vine, neither can you bear fruit unless you abide in Me.

Just **FOCUS** on **that Vs** for a minute - **[WALK THRU VERSE]**

This phrase ***“being vitaly united to”***

it's **an amplifying** of the **Greek** word for **'abide'**

And - **“being vitally united to” Jesus Christ**
comes from **ABIDING** (remaining) at the **Table of the Lord**

The **best definition** of **ABIDING** I’ve seen, is:
“A continuous living in union with Jesus Christ” . . .

THAT - is **Being ALWAYS** – At the **Table of the Lord**

Abiding in Christ is **living** in **Constant Union** with Him
- in **Constant Communion** with him

(**& Istn Pls**) - **THIS** is **what causes** the **LIFE** & the **POWER**
of **Jesus** Christ - to **FLOW through you**

THIS is **what causes** you to **THRIVE** in your **life with Christ**

ABIDING Always – At the **Table of the Lord**
- - **Always Communing** with the **KING** - -

IS THE CONDUIT by which God Continually **POURS**
the **Power** of **The Holy Spirit** - into your life

& that **ABIDING ALWAYS** – At the **Table of the Lord**

Is where our **Lives THRIVE** – **AS THE LIFE** of **Jesus** Christ
is **Poured into** our Lives – in a **Constant Communion** w/ Him

Look at John 15:5 (NLT) → → →

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5 “Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain (abide) in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing.

We can Paraphrase that Vs

“Whoever abides in a vital union with me, will THRIVE in life”

It is this “Always Remaining” in Communion with the Lord that brings True Transformation into our lives

It is this “Always Being” at the Table of the Lord

That gives us the STRENGTH we need for each day

That gives us the PEACE that passes understanding

& this is what GIVES US – TRUE JOY

Look down at JOHN 15:11

This is the LAST VERSE of the ABIDE teaching

John 15:11 (NLT)

11 I have told you these things so that you will be filled with my joy. Yes, your joy will overflow!

AT the END of this Critical Section

on the Vital Importance of ABIDING (Remaining) in Constant Communion with the Lord

Jesus says

*I'm Calling you to **ABIDE** in me (to always be at my table) -
SO THAT you will be filled with My joy
& SO THAT Your joy will overflow!*

Remember – The 2nd FRUIT of the Holy Spirit in Gal 5:22
After LOVE – is JOY !!

& JOY – is the BYPRODUCT of Living Life in Communion with God

True JOY is the By-Product
of ALWAYS BEING at the Table of the Lord
of Always Sharing Life with Him – at His Table

At the Table of the Lord - - You pour-out
all of your BURDENS and DIFFICULTIES to Him

& HE Pours - His LIFE, & His STRENGTH, & His PEACE - into you

IF YOU ARE SAVED TODAY

Jesus has CARRIED you to his table

He Wants to COMMUNE with you there

He Wants to Pour his LIFE, & STRENGTH, & PEACE – into you

He wants to Give you COUNSEL – he wants to give you DIRECTION

He wants to LEAD you & GUIDE you For His Name's Sake - THERE

Your King Jesus WANTS to do that

BUT – He can only Do that – IF you ABIDE in Him

IF - you REMAIN in Constant Communion with Him

IF - you Remain ALWAYS at the Table of the Lord

Your Seat at His Table has been Reserved -

Reserved for you AS a Son or Daughter

The Lord has made a WAY

& he has made a PLACE

To Commune With You

To Take your BURDENS

& Replace them with his JOY . . .

WHERE ARE YOU??

After Being Carried to His Table

After Receiving his Mercy & his Grace

Have you WANDERED away?

Have you RUN away?

Have you followed some TEMPTATION

BACK to that Desolate, Barren Place – of Lo-Debar

You have a SEAT at the Table of the Lord
With YOUR Name on it

The King of Kings is there – WAITING for you

WHERE ARE YOU??

If we Never COMMIT
to ALWAYS Being at The Table of the Lord . . .

If we Never Set Ourselves to Learning

How to ABIDE THERE
How to REMAIN THERE

We will Never Know - The POWER, & The JOY
of Living the New Life we've been GIVEN - in Jesus Christ

We will never experience the New Life Jesus DIED to Give us

Because Living that New Life – is Completely ENABLED
By ALWAYS “Being With” Jesus – AT his table

When we COMMUNE with him there

We receive the GRACE, & STRENGTH, & the POWER
to LIVE - For Him – & Be TRANSFORMED - By Him

Let's Pray