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GOD, THE RESTORER



1 Samuel 18:3-4

³ And Jonathan made a covenant with David because he loved him as himself. ⁴ Jonathan took off the robe he was wearing and gave it to David, along with his tunic, and even his sword, his bow and his belt.

2 Samuel 4:4

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.)

2 Samuel 9:1-3

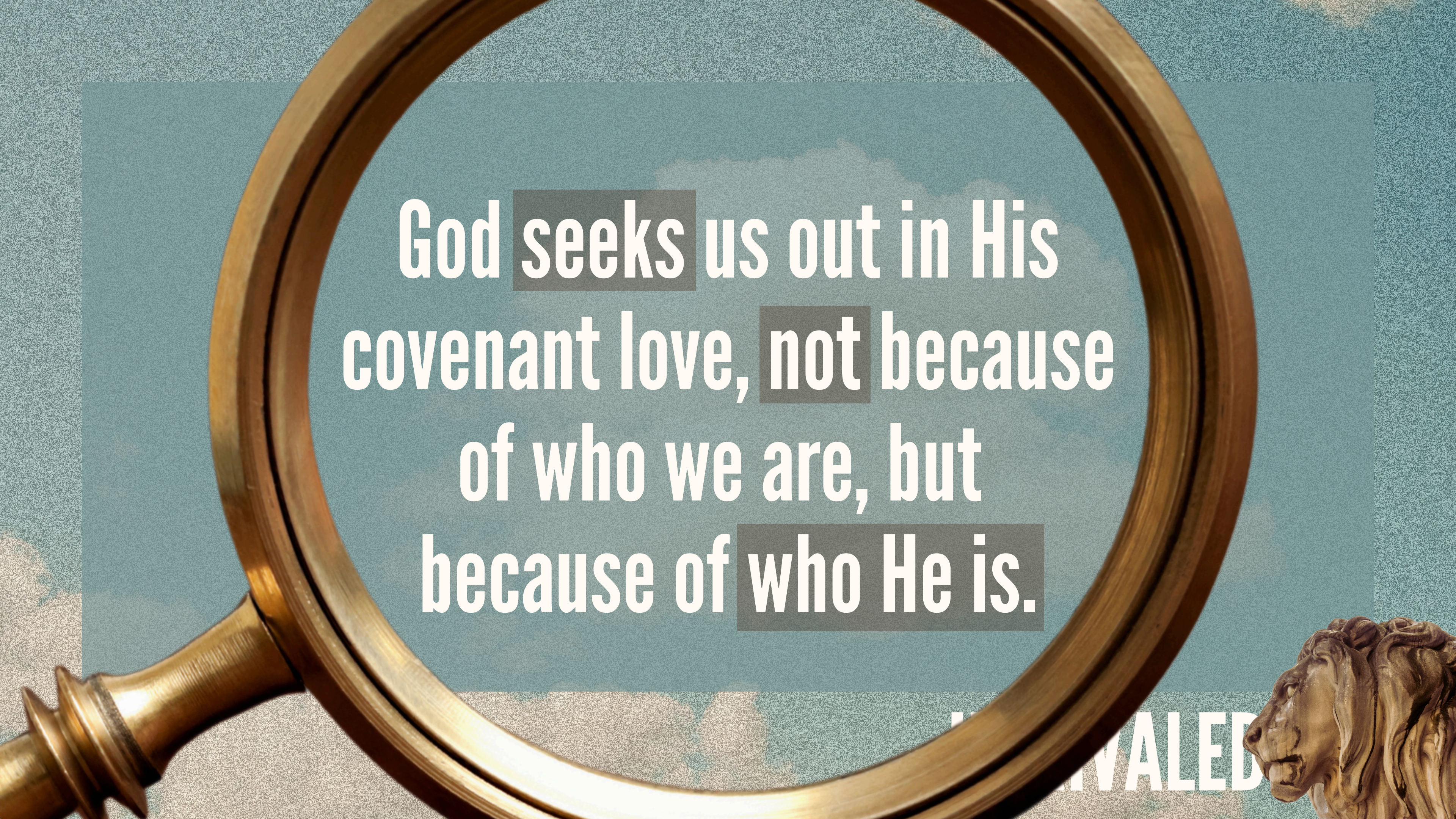
David asked, "Is there anyone still left of the house of Saul to whom I can show kindness for Jonathan's sake?" ² Now there was a servant of Saul's household named Ziba. They summoned him to appear before David, and the king said to him, "Are you Ziba?"

"At your service," he replied.

2 Samuel 9:1-3

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.”



God seeks us out in His
covenant love, not because
of who we are, but
because of who He is.

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2 Samuel 9:4

⁴“Where is he?” the king asked.

Ziba answered, “He is at the house of Makir son of Ammiel in Lo Debar.”

The STATUS life gives you
does **not** alter the
SIGNIFICANCE within you.

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There is no **VICTORY** without a battle,
no **TESTIMONY** without a test, &
no **MIRACLE** without impossible
circumstances. _____

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2 Samuel 9:5

5 So King David had him brought from Lo Debar, from the house of Makir son of Ammiel.

When God calls you by name,
you have to respond by trading in
the place you've become
comfortable in for a place of
*surrender &
transformation.*



2 Samuel 9:6-7

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.

2 Samuel 9:6-7

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.”

3 PROMISES OF THE FATHER

1. I will surely show you kindness
2. I will restore all that was lost
3. You will always dwell in my presence

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2 Samuel 9:8

8 Mephibosheth bowed down and said, “What is your servant, that you should notice a dead dog like me?”

2 Samuel 9:9-11

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.

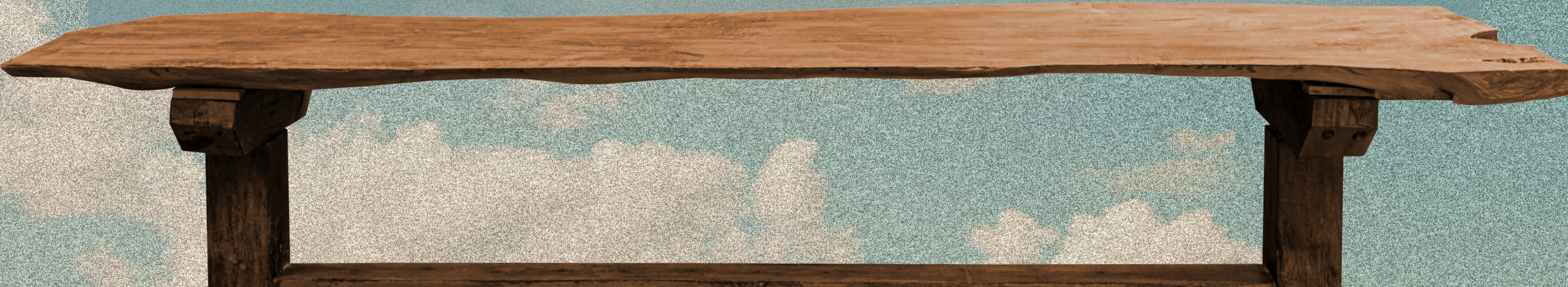
2 Samuel 9:9-11

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.

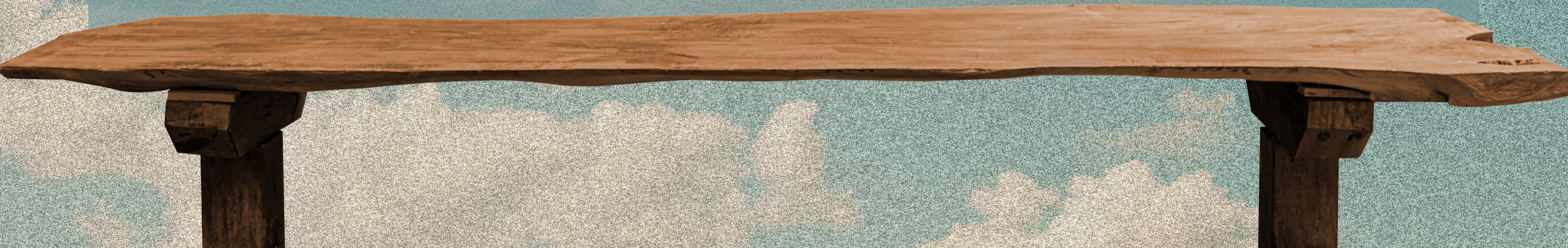
2 Samuel 9:12-13

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.

When you sit at the table of the Lord,
all your lameness is covered &
the goodness of God is
spread out for you.



**The table of fellowship covers
the blemishes of brokenness-
the things that don't work well.**



2 Samuel 19:24-30

²⁴ Mephibosheth, Saul's grandson, also went down to meet the king. He had not taken care of his feet or trimmed his mustache or washed his clothes from the day the king left until the day he returned safely.

2 Samuel 19:24-30

²⁵ When he came from Jerusalem to meet the king, the king asked him, “Why didn’t you go with me, Mephibosheth?”

²⁶ He said, “My lord the king, since I your servant am lame, I said, ‘I will have my donkey saddled and will ride on it, so I can go with the king.’ But Ziba my servant betrayed me.

2 Samuel 19:24-30

²⁷ And he has slandered your servant to my lord the king. My lord the king is like an angel of God; so do whatever you wish. ²⁸ All my grandfather's descendants deserved nothing but death from my lord the king, but you gave your servant a place among those who eat at

2 Samuel 19:24-30

your table. So what right do I have to make any more appeals to the king?"

²⁹ The king said to him, "Why say more? I order you and Ziba to divide the land."

³⁰ Mephibosheth said to the king, "Let him take everything, now that my lord the king has returned home safely."

God's grace seeks us where
we are, brings us into the
King's presence, and
keeps us seated with
Him for the

KING'S RETURN.



Titus 2:11-14

¹¹ For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. ¹² It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age,

Titus 2:11-14

¹³ while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, ¹⁴ who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.