

Scandalous Grace

2 Samuel 9

Run for Your Life Read 2 Samuel 4 for a bit of background

So what? We are more broken than we think.

As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins...

Ephesians 2:1 (NIV)

When we were utterly helpless, Christ came at just the right time and died for us sinners.

Romans 5:6 (NLT)

When you look at your life, do you see any part of it as broken? Which part(s)? Do you think society sees it the same way or different? Why or why not?

You Can Run but You Can't Hide Read 2 Samuel 9:1-5

So what? We are more pursued than we think.

Even before He made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in His eyes. ⁵ God decided in advance to adopt us into His own family by bringing us to Himself through Jesus Christ. This is what He wanted to do, and it gave Him great pleasure.

Ephesians 1:4-5 (NLT)

Name one of your insecurities? After reading the above verse, do you feel/believe that you are chosen? When you hear that you are "pursued" by God, what sentiment arises? How does a pursuing by God help with those insecurities?

The Divine Ambush Read 2 Samuel 9:6-8

Bound up in the nature of God is the inclination
to pour out grace on undeserving people.

So what? We are more loved than we think.

So we praise God for the glorious grace He has poured out on us who belong to His dear Son. ⁷ He is so rich in kindness and grace that He purchased our freedom with the blood of His Son and forgave our sins.

Ephesians 1:6-7 (NLT)

God loves us. We respond one of two ways to this news; 1) We either think it is too good to be true or 2) We've never heard it or we live as if it doesn't matter. Which of these two is more of risk for you in the way you approach life. What steps could you take to alleviate that in order to live daily knowing that God loves you. What would change in your life living with that true reality?

A Seat at the Table Read 2 Samuel 9:9-12

So what? We are more privileged than we think.

What shall we say about such wonderful things as these? If God is for us, who can ever be against us? ³² Since He did not spare even His own Son but gave Him up for us all, won't He also give us everything else?

Romans 8:31-32 (NLT)

Answer the Apostle Paul's questions in Romans 8:31-32.

Now what?

But my life is worth nothing to me unless I use it for finishing the work assigned me by the Lord Jesus—the work of telling others the Good News about the wonderful grace of God.

Acts 20:24 (NLT)

What is God's *work assigned* to all Christians and then, to you personally? How are you living out God's grace in your own life and for the life of others?