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CHURCH OF MADISON

Sermon Guide for Tribes

November 26, 2023

Sermon Title: Your Grace Still Amazes Me
Scripture: 2 Samuel 9:1-8

And David said, "Is there still anyone left of the house of Saul, that I may (A)show him kindness for Jonathan's sake?" 2 Now there was a servant of the house of Saul whose name was (B)Ziba, and they called him to David. And the king said to him, "Are you Ziba?" And he said, "I am your servant." 3 And the king said, "Is there not still someone of the house of Saul, that I may show (C)the kindness of God to him?" Ziba said to the king, "There is still a son of (D)Jonathan; he is crippled in his feet." 4 The king said to him, "Where is he?" And Ziba said to the king, "He is in the house of (E)Machir the son of Ammiel, at Lo-debar." 5 Then King David sent and brought him from the house of Machir the son of Ammiel, at Lo-debar. 6 And (F)Mephibosheth the son of Jonathan, son of Saul, came to David and fell on his face and paid homage. And David said, "Mephibosheth!" And he answered, "Behold, I am your servant." 7 And David said to him, "Do not fear, (G)for I will show you kindness for the sake of your father Jonathan, and I will restore to you all the land of Saul your father, and (H)you shall eat at my table always." 8 And he paid homage and said, "What is your servant, that you should show regard for (I)a dead dog such as I?"

Points of Consideration:

Truths About Grace:

God's Grace Seeks Us

God's Grace Saves Us

God's Grace Satisfies Us

Discussion Questions:

How does the account of David showing kindness to Mephibosheth in 2 Samuel 9 reflect the nature of God's grace? In what ways do the actions of David towards Mephibosheth parallel or differ from the grace extended by Jesus Christ in the New Testament? What aspects of God's character and grace do we witness in both narratives?

When Mephibosheth encountered David's grace, it transformed his life and established a close relationship with the king. How does Mephibosheth's response to David's grace reflect our own response to God's grace through Jesus Christ? How should our lives and attitudes change when we encounter God's unmerited favor? How can we emulate the principles of grace and mercy in our relationships with others, following the examples of David and Jesus?

Mephibosheth was undeserving of David's favor due to his family background. How does this aspect of Mephibosheth's story mirror our own relationship with God's grace through Jesus Christ? Discuss the concept of unearned favor and its significance in both stories. How does this narrative challenge or affirm our understanding of grace in our lives today?

Begin your time of discussion today by praying earnestly over the Sunday morning service!

You Turn Ministries

- Soccer league outreach
- Pray for nine pastor training schools, and over 200 students
- Pray for the over 80 orphans that You Turn currently supports

Church Plants!

- Hispanic Church Plant

- Be in prayer for Pastor Roberto and his family and for God to open doors amongst the Hispanic community in Morgan County.
- Pray for consistency from new families visiting the Bible study.

- Walton County Church Plant

Church of Good Hope - Partnerships (Update from Craig Story - ChurchOfGoodHopeGA@gmail.com)

PRAYER PARTNERS (one-year commitment)

- **Col 1:9 - For this reason also, since the day we heard this, we haven't stopped praying for you...**
- **Prayer is our most important partnership. If we could have a hundred churches partner with us in prayer, we would still seek even more.**
- **Each month, you will receive the Top 3 Prayer Requests from the Church of Good Hope. They will be as specific as we can make them.**
- **We would simply ask that your staff and leadership pray for those requests AND pass those requests along to your congregation.**

CONNECTION PARTNERS (one-year commitment)

- **Luke 10:6 - "If a person of peace is there, your peace will rest on him" ... Acts 16:15 - After she and her household were baptized, she urged us, "If you consider me a believer in the Lord, come and stay at my house."**
- **Good Hope is a small community and the Gospel will spread faster through existing connections.**

- Twice a month, community groups will meet at houses in the Good Hope area.
- We would ask that you identify families from your church that live in Good Hope to open their home as community group hosts for their neighbors and people connected to the Church of Good Hope.

LAUNCH PARTNERS (6-month commitment)

- 1 Thes 2:8 - We cared so much for you that we were pleased to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own lives, because you had become so dear to us.
- There are many details that go into launching a church from scratch (like providing safe child care by trained workers with background checks).
- We will have preview services at 6:00pm on July 30, Aug 13, Aug 27, and Sep 10. Our Public Launch Service is on Sep 17, and then we'll meet weekly.
- We would ask that you provide childcare (and possibly other logistical needs) for our Sunday evening services until we can establish our own ministry teams by the end of January.

FINANCIAL PARTNERS (6-mo. commitment + 6-mo.)

- 1 Cor 16:2 - On the first day of the week, each of you is to set something aside and save in keeping with how he is prospering...
- The Church of Good Hope will join God in his plan to transform lives with the Gospel. We will do this by developing disciples who are equipped to share the Good News of Jesus and demonstrate the life He calls us to live in our homes, communities, and throughout the world.
- As we develop disciples, we will teach stewardship.
- However, until they are developed, you can partner with us at \$500/month starting in July 2023.

Life Community Church, Weymouth, MA

- Visit the link below for a ministry partner update from Noah Madden and Life Community!

<https://youtu.be/8Gah-cMg-z8>

- A permanent church building to own.
- "Dots on the Map" for future plants
- Continued relationship with Seach Elementary School in Weymouth, MA - Next steps for families who connected with LCC at the Fall Fun Fest
- Office Space for staff

- Follow the link below for the most recent LLC newsletter!

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FCA

https://myemail.constantcontact.com/Quarterly-Newsletter.html?soid=1105759152459&aid=o3_xweZnDo4

Please access the link above for the latest newsletter from FCA!

Timothy Initiative

Update on Turkana region in Kenya:

“This is the situation in Turkana region Kenya. Have your family and the church pray, remember Turkana church. People are facing a tough time because of drought which has existed for a long period. People are lacking food and clean water. Diseases like malaria, typhoid, and tuberculosis are affecting people. We lost eight people because they lack food to eat.” – from Pastor Eloiloi

- The East African team has been praying fervently for their field leaders and their families; many of them are experiencing significant health issues and are in need of prayer for both healing and financial provision.

- Pray specifically for Pastor Simon Eloiloi, a key leader in the Turkana mission work. Pastor Simon’s wife and daughters have been battling health problems for over 3 months now. His wife, Oriba Kemunto, is currently in need of a third eye surgery, but the family lacks funds and is praying for God to provide a way for them.

- For both the staff and field leaders, prayer has been requested for grace and motivation to continue in service.

- Pray for these pastors as they minister in often desolate, impoverished places with limited resources and cultural opposition.

- The cost of planting a church through TTI is \$400; consider how your tribe may impact believers across the globe by planting a church through TTI!