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1 Peter 4:7-10

The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers. 8 Above all, **keep loving one another** earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. 9 **Show hospitality** to one another without grumbling. 10 As each has received a gift, use it to **serve one another**

Love the family of God,
be hospitable, and be ready to serve

2 Samuel 9:1:1-13

And David said, "Is there still anyone left of the house of Saul, that I may show him kindness for Jonathan's sake?"

2 Now there was a servant of the house of Saul whose name was 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 the kindness of God to him?" Ziba said to the king, "There is still a son of 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 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 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, 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 you shall eat at my table always."

8 And he paid homage and said, "What is your servant, that you should show regard for a dead dog such as I?"

9 Then the king called Ziba, Saul's servant, and said to him, "All that belonged to Saul and to all his house I have given to your master's grandson. 10 And you and your sons and your servants shall till the land for him and shall bring in the produce, that your master's grandson may have bread to eat. But Mephibosheth your master's grandson shall always eat at my table." Now Ziba had fifteen sons and twenty servants. 11 Then Ziba said to the king, "According to all that my lord the king commands his servant, so will your servant do." So Mephibosheth ate at David's table, like one of the king's sons.

12 And Mephibosheth had a young son, whose name was Mica. And all who lived in Ziba's house became Mephibosheth's servants. 13 So Mephibosheth lived in Jerusalem, for he ate always at the king's table. Now he was lame in both his feet.

1. Kindness Given

“Loyal-love is a way of life that works for the good of another, brings out the best in the other, sees behind or beneath whatever society designates a person to be (disabled, inconvenient, a rival, worthless, dysfunctional), and acts to affirm a God-created identity.”

-Eugene Peterson

Machir's Table

Machir the son of Ammiel - Machir means "selling, sold"

Ammiel means "the people of God."

Lo-debar - Nowhere

Luke 14:12-14

Then he turned to his host. “When you put on a luncheon or a banquet,” he said, “don’t invite your friends, brothers, relatives, and rich neighbors. For they will invite you back, and that will be your only reward. 13 Instead, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. 14 Then at the resurrection of the righteous, God will reward you for inviting those who could not repay you.”

Matthew 25:37-40

Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, **when** did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? 38 And **when** did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? 39 And **when** did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' 40 And the King will answer them, '**Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.**'

Galatians 5:6

For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only faith working through love.

Job 4:3-4

“In the past you have encouraged many people;
you have strengthened those who were weak.
4 Your words have supported those who were falling;
you encouraged those with shaky knees.

Proverbs 11:25

The generous will prosper; those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed

1 Samuel 16:27-29

When David came to Mahanaim, Shobi son of Nahash from Rabbah of the Ammonites, **and Makir son of Ammiel from Lo Debar**, and Barzillai the Gileadite from Rogelim

28 brought bedding and bowls and articles of pottery.

They also brought wheat and barley, flour and roasted grain, beans and lentils, 29 honey and curds, sheep, and cheese from cows' milk for David and his people to eat.

For they said, "The people have become exhausted and hungry and thirsty in the wilderness."

Hebrews 13:16

Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have,
for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

David's Table

2 Samuel 5:8

On the day of the attack, David said to his troops, “I hate those ‘lame’ and ‘blind’ Jebusites. Whoever attacks them should strike by going into the city through the water tunnel.” That is the origin of the saying, “The blind and the lame may not enter the house.”

“I will surely show you kindness. The expression “show kindness” (‘asah hesed) is used over forty times in the Old Testament, but only here is it stated emphatically by adding the infinitive absolute of the verb. David wants Mephibosheth to know that he is serious about fulfilling his promise to Jonathan.”

-Robert Chisholm Jr.

God's Table

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, 24 and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." 25 In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." 26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

2. Kindness Received

2 Samuel 7:8-9, 16

Now, therefore, thus you shall say to my servant David, 'Thus says the Lord of hosts, I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, that you should be prince over my people Israel. 9 And I have been with you wherever you went and have cut off all your enemies from before you. And I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth.... (Regarding David's Son) but my steadfast love will not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you. 16 And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever.'

2 Samuel 7:18-21 (The Message)

King David went in, took his place before God, and prayed: “Who am I, my Master God, and what is my family, that you have brought me to this place in life? But that’s nothing compared to what’s coming, for you’ve also spoken of my family far into the future, given me a glimpse into tomorrow, my Master God! What can I possibly say in the face of all this? You know me, Master God, just as I am. You’ve done all this not because of who I am but because of who you are—out of your very heart!—but you’ve let me in on it.

Psalm 18:16-19

He sent from on high, he took me;

he drew me out of many waters.

17 He rescued me from my strong enemy

and from those who hated me,

for they were too mighty for me.

18 They confronted me in the day of my calamity,

but the Lord was my support.

19 He brought me out into a broad place;

he rescued me, because he delighted in me.

1 Samuel 20:18

Then Jonathan said, "Tomorrow we celebrate the new moon festival. You will be missed when your place at the table is empty."

1 Samuel 20:14-16

If I am still alive, show me the steadfast love of the Lord, that I may not die; 15 and do not cut off your steadfast love from my house forever, when the Lord cuts off every one of the enemies of David from the face of the earth.” 16 And Jonathan made a covenant with the house of David, saying, “May the Lord take vengeance on David's enemies.”

1 Samuel 20:42

At last Jonathan said to David, "Go in peace, for we have sworn loyalty to each other in the Lord's name. The Lord is the witness of a bond between us and our children forever."



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3. Kindness Celebrated

Isaiah 33:21-24

The Lord will be our Mighty One. He will be like a wide river of protection that no enemy can cross, that no enemy ship can sail upon.

22 For the Lord is our judge, our lawgiver, and our king. He will care for us and save us.

23 The enemies' sails hang loose on broken masts with useless tackle. Their treasure will be divided by the people of God. Even the lame will take their share!

24 The people of Israel will no longer say, "We are sick and helpless," for the Lord will forgive their sins.

Hebrews 12:28

“Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God.”

Matthew 5:16

In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

2 Corinthians 4:13-15

But we continue to preach because we have the same kind of faith the psalmist had when he said, "I believed in God, so I spoke." 14 We know that God, who raised the Lord Jesus, will also raise us with Jesus and present us to himself together with you. 15 All of this is for your benefit. And as God's grace reaches more and more people, there will be great thanksgiving, and God will receive more and more glory.



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