

**A Time for  
Kindness**

**2 Samuel 9:1-8**



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1 Then David said, "Is there yet 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 The king said, "Is there not yet anyone of the house of Saul to whom I may show the kindness of God?" And Ziba said to the



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king, "There is still a son of Jonathan who is crippled in both feet." 4 So the king said to him, "Where is he?" And Ziba said to the king, "Behold, he is in the house of Machir the son of Ammiel in Lo-debar." 5 Then King David sent and brought him from the house of Machir the son of Ammiel, from Lo-debar. 6 Mephibosheth, the son of Jonathan the son of Saul, came to David and fell on his face and prostrated himself.



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And David said, "Mephibosheth." And he said, "Here is your servant!" 7 David said to him, "Do not fear, for I will surely show kindness to you for the sake of your father Jonathan, and will restore to you all the land of your grandfather Saul; and you shall eat at my table regularly." 8 Again he prostrated himself and said, "What is your servant, that you should regard a dead dog like me?"

# **David's Fatherhood**

- **Not one of the best records...**
- **Amnon, Tamar, Absalom...**
- **Solomon ?**
- **When he was established as King...**
- **For Jonathan's sake... (1)**
- **Brought out the best in David still...**

# Seeking Kindness

- **David seeks out his “enemies” line...**
- **Family servant found – Ziba**
- **Question of motives silenced**
- **“the kindness of God” (3)**
- **What would kindness change in our world?**

# ***Kheh'sed***

- **Love that is focused on the best interests of the person loved in acts of service**
- **Kindness, loving-kindness... 248x**
- **Part of God's nature as 'Father'**
- **Mercy/Grace**

# David's Search

- **Son of Jonathan - crippled in both feet**
- **Not even worthy of a name...**
- **Living in Lo-debar = 'not pasture'**
- **House of Machir**
- **Fugitive, beggar, broken, hopeless**



## Luke 7:

22 And He answered and said to them, "Go and report to John what you have seen and heard: *the BLIND RECEIVE SIGHT, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the POOR HAVE THE GOSPEL PREACHED TO THEM.*

# Mephibosheth

- **Bows down - “your servant”**
- **Do not fear...**
- **Kindness for Jonathan’s sake**
- **Restore to you the land of Saul!**
- **Eat at my table... treated as ‘family’**



## Ephesians 2:1-7

And you were dead in your trespasses and sins, in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience. Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest. **But God**, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.