



Forgotten?

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2 SAMUEL 9

How are you feeling today? Disappointed? Frustrated? Hurt? If you or someone you know and care about can relate, today's message will be of help. God has given us tools for facing times like these. Our current series is about learning them, applying them, and finding yourself reinvigorated through the power of God's encouragement for us.

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God has given us tools for facing times like these.

God has given us some encouraging words for discouraging times, and these words can carry us until we see better days.

“Is there no one still left of the house of Saul to whom I can show God’s kindness?”

2 SAMUEL 9:3

“...he bowed down to pay him honor. David said, ‘Mephibosheth!’”

2 SAMUEL 9:6

“Don’t be afraid, 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.”

2 SAMUEL 9:7

“What is your servant that you should notice a dead dog like me?”

2 SAMUEL 9:8

Kindness, promise and trust.

It’s God’s way to crush cruelty with kindness.

God showed David kindness in the midst of all his challenges and now David wants to pass it on.

“Is there no one left...to whom I can show God’s kindness?”

2 SAMUEL 9:3

Kindness that remembers the forgotten, that retrieves the missing, and that restores the broken.

In Christ, in the Son of David, we receive God’s kindness.

“...notice a dead dog like me?”

Sometimes we are afraid to come to God. Afraid that He might reject us or condemn us. Jesus said he didn’t come to condemn, but to save.



“Or do you show contempt for the riches of his kindness, forbearance and patience, not realizing that God’s kindness is intended to lead you to repentance?”

ROMANS 2:4

It’s God’s way to power through pain with promise.

“So Mephibosheth ate at David’s table like one of the king’s sons.”

2 SAMUEL 9:11

“When the time had fully come, God sent His Son...to redeem those under the law that we might receive adoption to sonship.”

GALATIANS 4:4-5

“Now you...are children of promise.”

GALATIANS 4:28

Promise is an action word that gives us power to keep holding on, to keep keeping on, to keep powering through.

“Let us not get tired of doing what is right for after a while we shall reap a harvest of blessing if we don’t get discouraged and if we don’t give up.”

GALATIANS 6:9 TLB

God’s promises will change your life, and it will affect others in your wake.

It’s God’s way to transform troubles with trust.

Trust always involves some level of risk.

The step of faith that each took also held in it the opportunity of transformation.

Which do you relate to most today?

Are you Mephibosheth? Dogged by fear, dogged by failure? Disabled by something that happened back in your past?

God is inviting you to watch that trouble be transformed as you trust Him.

Are you David? Have you been blessed by God’s kindness and now have an opportunity to share God’s promise with someone else?

David wanted to be a man after God’s own heart.

David invited God to have His way in his life and in his kingdom.



Jesus said, “God’s anointing is upon me to bring good news to the poor, release to the oppressed and to declare, to proclaim, a season of God's favor.”

Jesus gives us a new identity and then a place at the King’s table.

Be kind to people.

“Love your enemies and do good to those who hate you.”

LUKE 6:27

“Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.”

EPHESIANS 4:32

Who does God want you to be kind to? Who does God want you to forgive?

Honor promises.

Is there a promise that He wants to remind you of in your life?

Show trust. Take the risk.

God can meet you and pour His infinite hope into your situation.

