

HONOR CODE

Unlocking Kingdom Power Through Relationship



Romans 12:10

...Outdo one another in showing honor.





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Honor releases Kingdom power by embracing the glory that God has instilled in people.



Honor Protects

Honor protects the vulnerable like they
are Jesus in disguise.

Redefining Love [Honor]



The western definition of love is based on warm emotions which inevitably leads to betrayal in relationships. God wants our definition of love to be founded on loyalty and self-sacrifice.



2 Samuel 9

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



2 Samuel 9

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.”



2 Samuel 9

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.”

2 Samuel 9



**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.**



2 Samuel 9

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.”

2 Samuel 9

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.”



2 Samuel 9



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.



2 Samuel 9

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.”

Mephibosheth



- David had a covenant with Jonathan
- Jonathan gave up his right to rule
- Covenant protection for his family
- Legal heir of Saul's throne
- Living in exile in the house of Machir
- Machir was a remote place for refugees

ISRAEL

IN THE TIME OF KING DAVID

● **Lo-debar**

**No pasture
No word
No communication
"Nothing"**

River
Jordan

● **Jerusalem**

Dead
Sea

0 10 miles
0 10 km



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Three Times Declares Love



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Loving Kindness



Hebrew word **Hesed** - Loyal love. Mercy.
Covenant love.

Proverbs 3:3

Don't lose your grip on Love and
Loyalty. Tie them around your neck;
carve their initials on your heart.

The Message Bible



1 Samuel 20:14-15

14 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.”





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Matthew 25:31-40



31 “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. 32 Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.

Matthew 25:40



33 And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. 34 Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

Matthew 25:40

35 For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, 36 I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.'



Matthew 25:40

37 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?



Matthew 25:40



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.’

Who Are The Brothers?

1. All humans?
2. Natural brothers?



Matthew 12:46-50

46 While he was still speaking to the people, behold, his mother and his brothers stood outside, asking to speak to him. 48 But he replied to the man who told him, “Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?”



Matthew 25:46-50



49 And stretching out his hand toward his disciples, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! 50 For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother.”

Matthew 10:40, 42



40“Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me...42 And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward.”



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Debt of loyal love**

We Are All in The Same Boat

We are all in the same boat in a stormy sea, and we owe each other a terrible loyalty.

G.K. CHESTERTON



Romans 13:8

Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.





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