Grace Poured Out

Greg Kline · 2 Samuel 9:1–13

INTRODUCTION

- We have to understand that no matter who you are, what you've done, where you've been, where you're going, we are always going to need God's grace.
- There will not be a day, there will not be a moment, there will not be even a passing fleeting second in which we do not need every ounce, every bit of God's grace.

1 David Shows the Kindness of God

2 Samuel 9:1–13; 1 Samuel 20:14–16

- Is there not still someone of the house of Saul that I may show the kindness of God to him?
- Mephibosheth was left on his own with nothing to hope for in the middle of nowhere.
- 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.
- What is your servant that you should show regard for a dead dog such as I?
- We have to have it drilled into our minds that Mephibosheth had nothing to offer David. Zero value to David. And yet David treated him like one of his sons.

2 Mephibosheth Remembered David's Love

2 Samuel 19:24–30

- He had neither taken care of his feet, nor trimmed his beard, nor washed his clothes from the day the king departed until the day he came back in safety.
- That's a dedicated servant. Looking for, waiting, and not benefiting in the meantime of a king being away.
- Mephibosheth said to the king, Oh, let him take it all, since my Lord the king has come safely home.
- Mephibosheth remembered David's love. It didn't matter what David did to him.
- It mattered that he cared about David because David first showed love, grace, and kindness to him.

3 God's Grace Is for Us All

Ephesians 2:1–9

- Every single one of us need God's grace all the time. The question then is, do we recognize that we are Mephibosheth or not?
- But God being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ, by grace you have been saved.
- For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not of your own doing, it is the gift of God, not a result of work, so that no one may boast.

- God's grace isn't just for those who are good or those who are mostly good. It's for those who are lame, blind, sick, and in need.
- I don't just look like Mephibosheth before God without his grace. I look worse than Mephibosheth without God's grace.

4 Trusting in God's Faithfulness to His Covenant

Romans 5:1–2; Hebrews 8

- The beauty of God is that God cannot lie, that he has always been faithful to his promises.
- Through him, we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand.
- There is nothing I could ever do to compel God to give me grace.
- If we are beneficiaries of God's grace, where do we stand? Firmly in that grace. And what can we do as a result? Rejoice in that hope.
- It's not God who's not faithful. It's man. It's not God who doesn't offer peace. That's us who don't take it.

5 Like Mephibosheth, We Love the Master

2 Peter 3:11–14

- If we understand what it means to love our God, we're going to be like Mephibosheth in many ways. One is humility.
- But two is we are going to be waiting for and hastening the day of the Lord.
- What sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God.
- To truly love our great God means we don't just love the benefits, we love the master.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Please take advantage of God's grace this morning. Don't wait. If you can rejoice, sing out in praise to our great God. And if you can't, do something about it today.**

MY NOTES