

A PLACE AT HIS TABLE
II Samuel 9:11b

Let us wrap up the summer with a picture of grace!

- I. The _____ of David to Mephibosheth
- 9:1 David remembers his covenant with Jonathan
 (I Samuel 20:13-17)
- 9:2-4 Ziba is aware that kings exterminate all living descendants of enemy kings as threats
 So he dismisses him as an inconsequential non-threat
 a) cripple (cf. II Samuel 4:4 now 15+ years later)
 b) lives far away in Nowheresville (Lo-Debar)
- 9:5-6 David brings him to his palace in great terror
- 9:7 But he displays nothing but amazing **GRACE** to him
 a) do not be afraid
 b) restores his inheritance
 c) adopts him as a son to eat always at his table
 4x eat at his table (v7, 10, 11, 13)
 Like a son – crippled in both feet
- 9:8 Mephibosheth recognizes this is all of **grace**
 “dead dog” is about as worthless as it gets
- 9:12 He had a son whom he named Mica (“who is like Yahweh?”) Who indeed?

- II. The _____ of Mephibosheth for David
- II Samuel 15: David’s son, Absalom, pulls a coup and seeks his father’s life. David flees to wilderness
- II Samuel 16:1-4 Ziba exposes Mephibosheth as an ungrateful traitor
- II Samuel 18-19: Absalom is killed and David restored to his throne
- II Samuel 19:24-29 Mephibosheth greets David
 Who is telling the truth: Ziba or Mephibosheth??
 19:30 gives the answer: a devotion that dismisses riches for the treasure of his presence! (cf. Philippians 3:7-11)

So you

1. Were crippled by the Fall and were living in Nowhere—alienated from God (Ephesians 2:12-13)
2. Were called by the Father and restored by His covenant with Jesus, the true Son:
 - To an inheritance that beggars Eden
 - To be His Sons in a relationship with Him
3. You still limp, as a reminder that it is all of grace
 But when He returns you will be made whole
4. This world’s treasures are a small matter to you, as long as you can eat at His Table (Psalm 23)
 Next week we eat at His Table and will look at this further.