



WEEK 5 | THE ONE WHO INVITES US TO HIS TABLE...

JEREMY BELL, TEACHING PASTOR

2 SAMUEL 9:1-13 (NIV)

David asked, "Is there anyone still left of the house of Saul to whom I can show kindness for Jonathan's sake?" 2 Now there was a servant of Saul's household named Ziba. They summoned him to appear before David, and the king said to him, "Are you Ziba?" "At your service," he replied. 3 The king asked, "Is there no one still alive from the house of Saul to whom I can show God's kindness?" Ziba answered the king, "There is still a son of Jonathan; he is lame in both feet." 4 "Where is he?" the king asked. Ziba answered, "He is at the house of Makir son of Ammiel in Lo Debar." 5 So King David had him brought from Lo Debar, from the house of Makir son of Ammiel. 6 When Mephibosheth son of Jonathan, the son of Saul, came to David, he bowed down to pay him honor. David said, "Mephibosheth!" "At your service," he replied. 7 "Don't be afraid," David said to him, "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." 8 Mephibosheth bowed down and said, "What is your servant, that you should notice a dead dog like me?" 9 Then the king summoned Ziba, Saul's steward, and said to him, "I have given your master's grandson everything that belonged to Saul and his family. 10 You and your sons and your servants are to farm the land for him and bring in the crops, so that your master's grandson may be provided for. And Mephibosheth, grandson of your master, will always eat at my table." (Now Ziba had fifteen sons and twenty servants.) 11 Then Ziba said to the king, "Your servant will do whatever my lord the king commands his servant to do." So Mephibosheth ate at David's table like one of the king's sons. 12 Mephibosheth had a young son named Mika, and all the members of Ziba's household were servants of Mephibosheth. 13 And Mephibosheth lived in Jerusalem, because he always ate at the king's table; he was lame in both feet.

NOTES

(THE STUFF THAT STICKS OUT TO ME)



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GOING DEEPER

(SOME IDEAS TO PUT IT INTO PRACTICE)

QUESTIONS TO PONDER:

What's the most painful thing you have ever experienced? Was it physical or emotional? Read 2 Samuel 9.

Mephiboseth's name means "shame." What do you think of when you hear the word "shame?" How would you define it? What memories or images come to mind?

Look at how Ziba (v.2) and Mephibosheth (v.6) both answer David. What is different about their posture? How does Mephibosheth see himself (v.8)? What does David treat Mephibosheth like (v. 11)?

What prompts David's kindness to Mephibosheth (v.1)? What are some ways you can we love others for "the sake of Christ?"

A VERSE TO MEMORIZE:

Psalm 23:6 (NLT) - Surely your goodness and unfailing love will pursue me all the days of my life, and I will live in the house of the LORD forever.

TAKE A STEP:

Who is someone you can be extra kind to this week, letting them know they are welcome and wanted...just because (of Jesus)? Take a step!



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ALL IN, TOGETHER

GENERAL OFFERING

2023 Weekly Budget:	\$10,187
Given October 1st:	\$14,006
Difference:	\$3,819

2023 Annual Budget:	\$529,724
2023 Budget YTD:	\$397,293
2023 Given YTD:	\$349,398
Difference:	(\$47,895)

BUILD YOUR CHURCH FUND

BYC October 1st:	\$2,223
BYC YTD:	\$155,219
BYC Total Given:	\$477,711

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