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Hidden Heroes of The Bible
Week 1: Mephibosheth

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2 Samuel 9:1 ¹ *And David said, "Is there still anyone left of the house of Saul, that I may show him kindness for Jonathan's sake?"*

1. Grace goes looking :: David seeks someone to bless.

2 Samuel 9:1–3 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 *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."* 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. Grace chooses the unlikely :: Mephibosheth is broken, ashamed, and helpless.

2 Samuel 9:3–6 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."* 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.* 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."*

3. Grace replaces fear with kindness :: He expects judgment, but receives covenantal mercy.

2 Samuel 9:6–8 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."* 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.” 8 And he paid homage and said, “What is your servant, that you should show regard for a dead dog such as I?”

4. Grace brings us near :: He is restored and seated at the king’s table.

2 Samuel 9:9–13 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. 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.” Now Ziba had fifteen sons and twenty servants. ¹¹ Then Ziba said to the king, “According to all that my lord the king commands his servant, so will your servant do.” So Mephibosheth ate at David's^[a] table, like one of the king's sons. ¹² And Mephibosheth had a young son, whose name was Mica. And all who lived in Ziba's house became Mephibosheth's servants. ¹³ So Mephibosheth lived in Jerusalem, for he ate always at the king's table. Now he was lame in both his feet.

5. Grace tells our story :: We were Mephibosheth, and Christ brought us near.

Ephesians 2:12-13, 19-21 ¹² remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³ But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.... ¹⁹ So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, ²⁰ built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, ²¹ in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord.

Romans 5:6-115 ⁶ For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— ⁸ but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹ Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰ For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. ¹¹ More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

6. Grace changes how we live :: Those who believe the gospel become like the gospel.

You do not produce gospel fruit by raw willpower. You produce gospel fruit by deepening awareness of gospel grace.

7. Grace must overflow somewhere :: Who is your Mephibosheth?

Do for the one what you wish you could do for the many.

