CHASING AFTER GOD'S HEART





One day David asked, "Is anyone in Saul's family still alive—anyone to whom I can show kindness for Jonathan's sake?"

2 Samuel 9:1 NLT

May the Lord be with you as he used to be with my father. And may you treat me with the faithful love of the Lord as long as I live. But if I die...

1 Samuel 20:13-14 NLT

...treat my family with this faithful ove, even when the Lord destroys all your enemies from the face of the earth." So Jonathan made a solemn pact with David...

1 Samuel 20:15-16 NLT

May the Lord reward you well for the kindness you have shown me today.

1 Samuel 24:19 NLT

Now swear to me by the Lord that when that happens you will not kill my family and destroy my line of descendants!" So David promised this to Saul with an oath.

1 Samuel 24:21-22 NLT

The king then asked him, "Is anyone still alive from Saul's family? If so, I want to show God's kindness to them."

2 Samuel 9:3 NLT

Mephibosheth

So David sent for him...

2 Samuel 9:5 NLT

When he came to David, he bowed low to the ground in deep respect.

2 Samuel 9:6 NLT

David said, "Greetings, Mephibosheth."

2 Samuel 9:6 NLT

Mephibosheth replied, "I am your servant."

2 Samuel 9:6 NLT

"Don't be afraid!" David said. "I intend to show kindness to you because of my promise to your father, Jonathan.

2 Samuel 9:7 NLT

MERCY

Mercy withholds what you deserve.

I will give you all the property that once belonged to your grandfather Saul, and you will eat here with me at the king's table!"

2 Samuel 9:7 NLT

GRACE

Grace extends to you what you don't deserve.

Mephibosheth bowed respectfully and exclaimed, "Who is your servant, that you should show such kindness to a dead dog like me?"

2 Samuel 9:8 NLT

chesed

Chesed is love without regard to shifting circumstances, hormones, emotional states, and personal convenience. This is the kind of love with which "God so loved the world...

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And from that time on, Mephibosheth ate regularly at David's table, like one of the king's own sons.

2 Samuel 9:11 NLT

And Mephibosheth, who was crippled in both feet, lived in Jerusalem and ate regularly at the king's table.

2 Samuel 9:13 NLT

We are invited to sit at the Kings table where our brokenness is covered.

The King's mercy withholds what we deserve and His grace extends to us what we don't deserve.

What I've been given has nothing to do with what I've done but everything to do with what another has done for me.