



2 Samuel 9:1-13  
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## King Saul's Terror Campaign (1 Samuel 16:14–22:23)

### King David's Response to Saul's Family Line

2 Samuel 9:1 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." (NIV)

### **Scandalous Grace: Motivates a Sovereign's Search**

God searches for us long before we know we need rescuing.

Luke 15:3 Then Jesus told them this parable: 4 "Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn't he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? 5 And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders 6 and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.' 7 I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent. (NIV)

2 Samuel 9:5 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.... 8 Mephibosheth bowed down and said, "What is your servant, that you should notice a dead dog like me?" (NIV)

### **Scandalous Grace: Exposes a Sinner's State**

Before a holy God, we are all broken and undone.

Luke 5:8 When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!" (NIV)

### The Response to Exposed Sin:

- Either causes us to want to cover up, to blame others, to hide, and to not be seen or noticed.
- Or causes us to fall on our knees, throw ourselves on the mercy of the court, and say, "I am a dead dog... I am a sinful man."

2 Samuel 9:7 "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." (NIV)

### **Scandalous Grace: Grants a Substitutionary Status**

Jesus took our status as broken sinners, and in return, he gifted us his substitutionary status as perfectly righteous sons and daughters of God.

2 Corinthians 5:21 God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. (NIV)

### The Great Exchange

2 Samuel 9:9 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. (NIV)

### **Scandalous Grace: Provides a Sustaining Seat**

God's grace covers our weaknesses, adopting us as full sons and daughters who get to feast at his table in his presence today and forever.

Psalms 55:22 Cast your burden on the Lord, and he will sustain you; he will never permit the righteous to be moved. (ESV)

### Who's at your table?