

# UNEXPECTED MERCY

2 Samuel 9:1–13

## Introduction – Unexpected Grace

- Mercy is not based on merit but on God's compassion.



## Unexpected Grace

It is like owing a huge debt to a bank, knowing you can never repay it, and suddenly receiving a letter that says, “Your debt has been completely canceled.” The first reaction is not pride, but astonishment. Mercy always comes with amazement.

## 1. Mephibosheth: A State of Helplessness: 2 Samuel 9:3-5

*Then the king said, "Is there no one remaining of the house of Saul to whom I could show the kindness of God?" And Ziba said to the king, "There is still a son of Jonathan, one who is disabled in both feet."<sup>4</sup> So the king said to him, "Where is he?" And Ziba said to the king, "Behold, he is in the house of Machir the son of Ammiel, in Lo-debar."<sup>5</sup> Then King David sent [\[b\]](#) messengers who brought him from the house of Machir the son of Ammiel, from Lo-debar.*

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- Lame in both feet, living in fear and hopelessness in Lo-debar.



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Like someone who has lived for years in a refugee camp, accustomed to poverty, sickness, and fear of authority.

When summoned to the king's palace, the first response is not hope, but **terror**.

## 2. Grace Not Based on Worthiness 2 Samuel 9:6-8

*Mephibosheth, the son of Jonathan the son of Saul, came to David and fell on his face and prostrated himself. And David said, "Mephibosheth." And he said, "Here is your servant!" <sup>7</sup> Then David said to him, "Do not be afraid, for I will assuredly show kindness to you for the sake of your father Jonathan, and I will restore to you all the <sup>[c]</sup>land of your <sup>[d]</sup>grandfather Saul; and you yourself shall <sup>[e]</sup>eat at my table regularly." <sup>8</sup> Again he prostrated himself, and said, "What is your servant, that you should be concerned about a dead dog like me?"*

## 2. Grace Not Based on Worthiness

- Grace came because of the covenant with Jonathan, not personal merit.

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Like someone being accepted into a university not because of their own academic record, but because of a scholarship established in honor of a parent who sacrificed greatly. Everything comes from relationship, not achievement.

## **SEATED AT THE KING'S TABLE – FROM OUTCAST TO FAMILY (9:7, 11, 13)**

- Seated at the King's Table
- From an outcast to a member of the family.

### 3. Mercy and the Gospel

- We are saved by Jesus Christ, not by our works.

# Practical Application

- Live with gratitude, show mercy to others, and invite them to God's table of grace.

- Unexpected mercy is still being offered today.

# Prayer

- Lord, help us live as those who are forgiven and restored.

