



## A PLACE AT THE KING'S TABLE

Second Samuel 9:1-13

- <sup>1</sup> David asked, "Is there anyone still left of the house of Saul to whom I can show kindness for Jonathan's sake?"
- <sup>2</sup> Now there was a servant of Saul's household named Ziba. They called him to appear before David, and the king said to him, "Are you Ziba?"
- "Your servant," he replied.
- <sup>3</sup> The king asked, "Is there no one still left of 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 crippled in both feet."
- <sup>4</sup> "Where is he?" the king asked.
- Ziba answered, "He is at the house of Makir son of Ammiel in Lo Debar."
- <sup>5</sup> So King David had him brought from Lo Debar, from the house of Makir son of Ammiel.
- <sup>6</sup> When Mephibosheth son of Jonathan, the son of Saul, came to David, he bowed down to pay him honor.
- David said, "Mephibosheth!"
- "Your servant," he replied.
- <sup>7</sup> "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."
- <sup>8</sup> Mephibosheth bowed down and said, "What is your servant, that you should notice a dead dog like me?"
- <sup>9</sup> Then the king summoned Ziba, Saul's servant, and said to him, "I have given your master's grandson everything that belonged to Saul and his family. <sup>10</sup> 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.)
- <sup>11</sup> 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.
- <sup>12</sup> Mephibosheth had a young son named Mica, and all the members of Ziba's household were servants of Mephibosheth. <sup>13</sup> And Mephibosheth lived in Jerusalem, because he always ate at the king's table, and he was crippled in both feet.

*Please ask God's Spirit to guide you as you consider these applications:*

**Praise God for His glorious kindness.** In Christ we have been shown the kindness of God. It is all by grace and to His glory, honor, and praise. Take some time this week to praise Him. Sing it. Shout it. Tell somebody else about it.

**Admit your own responsibility for your sin.** Face up to the reality of your treason against the all holy God. Agree with Him that your sins are your fault. Abandon all hope of excusing or rationalizing them. Call them as awful as they are. Own the fact that it is against God Himself that you have sinned.

**Ground your repentance in the sure promises of Christ.** What has God done with these sins? What has He done with their guilt? What will He do with you? How do you know? Will He make it so you are never able to commit such foul offences again? How? When?

**Ask God to do keep you certain of His favor.** A favorite strategy of the enemy is to tempt God's people to doubt God's favor. Do not allow the present difficulties you are facing to call into question God's faithfulness and the certainty of His favor for us in Christ. In the power of the Holy Spirit resist this temptation and God to help you and us as a congregation.

**Pray for CTR.** We as a community of faith need to live confidently and humbly in the certainty of the gospel. God has empowered us to pray for one another. Pray for one another. Pray especially for VBS this week.

Application

Christ the Redeemer Presbyterian Church [www.ctrportland.org](http://www.ctrportland.org)  
10:30 am Sunday Worship @ Breakwater School in Portland

Notes

## Memory Verse

**“If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise.”**

Galatians 3:29

### Taking Gathered Worship Home

*We gather together on the Lord’s Day to worship God together, but that is not the extent of our worship. Would you join us in taking this home throughout the week? We want to learn as a community of faith through daily prayer and bible study. Please read the indicated passages each day and reflect on them.*

Sunday, 8/1

**Read:** Second Samuel 9:1-13.

**Ask yourself or one another:** What were the main points of the sermon? How do they apply to us as a congregation? How do they apply to me? What am I going to do about it? How does the repentance of Christ empower us to do so? Review Application.

**Sing:** *How Deep the Father’s Love for Us* (words in order of worship).

**Pray:** Ask God to help us together to know the certainty of our acceptance in Christ. Pray for one another to grow in this security.

Monday, 8/2

**Read:** First Samuel 24:1-22 [David & Saul in the cave].

**Ask yourself or one another:** What did Saul ask David to promise him (v. 21)? How did David view King Saul? Why? How did David exhibit faith in God in this passage? How are we to trust Him?

**Meditate** on the memory verse above. Use this verse to consider your position and status with God.

**Sing:** *How Deep the Father’s Love for Us*.

**Pray:** Ask God to help us to grieve rightly about our sin. Pray that He will allow us confidence in nothing other than the gospel of Christ.

Tuesday, 8/3

**Read:** Romans 11:22-24.

**Ask yourself or one another:** What is the alternative to God’s kindness? Why are both in keeping with His character? Why do we receive one or the other?

**Review** the memory verse. Work on committing this to memory.

**Sing:** *How Deep the Father’s Love for Us*.

**Pray:** “God of heaven, You are gracious to give us this day to call upon Your great name. Allow us the grace to do so now. Allow us to trust solely in You and be done with all lesser suitors for our affections.”

Wednesday, 8/4

**Read:** First Samuel 20:1-42 [David and Jonathan].

**Ask yourself or one another:** What did Jonathan ask for from David in vv. 14-15? How does this echo the promise David had given Saul? We find a corollary in the building promises of God to His people in the Scriptures. David here is a type of Christ and shows faithfulness. How is Christ’s fidelity to His promises the basis of our hope?

**Meditate** on the memory verse.

**Sing:** *How Deep the Father’s Love for Us*.

**Pray:** “Lord Christ, we call upon Your name. You are faithful where we are not. Work in us. Teach us to obey the Father like You do. We long for You to transform us fully and to live with You forever.”

Thursday, 8/5

**Read:** Ephesians 2:1-10.

**Ask yourself or one another:** What is God’s grace like? In what are we to boast? For what are we created? How is it possible for us to do that for which we were created? Who is at work in us?

**Review** the memory verse.

**Sing:** *How Deep the Father’s Love for Us*.

**Pray:** “God of all covenant faithfulness, show us Your kindness today because our relation to Your Son, Jesus Christ. We are obviously weak. Look upon our weary limbs, and search our broken spirits. We confess our sins before You. Thank You for Your abundant forgiveness, O God. You have lifted us up and promised us food from Your table. Remember our desperate need. Even if we will be given food by men, no one can provide good nourishment for our souls today but You. Feed us with Your truth, for we long to walk again in the glory of Your Name. ” —Prayer on 2Sam 9 by Steve Magee

Friday, 8/6

**Read:** Second Samuel 7:18-29 [David’s prayer].

**Ask yourself or one another:** What similarities do you notice between this interaction and the one between David and Mephibosheth? Do you think David’s understanding of his relationship with God influenced his actions with Mephibosheth? Why or why not? How does your relationship with God affect your relationships with others?

**Meditate** on the memory verse.

**Sing:** *How Deep the Father’s Love for Us*.

**Pray:** “Lord, we long to treat others as You have treated us. So often instead we treat others with contempt instead of grace and kindness. Especially teach us, Lord to treat with grace those whom we have a covenantal relationship because of Christ. Please forgive us and change us. Make us more and more like Your Son, the great Son of David.”

Saturday, 8/7

**Read:** Psalm 102 *in preparation for gathered worship*.

**Sing:** *How Deep the Father’s Love for Us*.

**Pray:** Lord, teach us walk by faith and not by sight. Work in us by the power of Your Holy Spirit. Make us attentive to Your Word in worship tomorrow and help us to receive Your feast with faith. Build us up as a community of faith to live as Your people. In Christ’s name we pray.