

Grace is for Nobodies

2 Samuel 9

David asked, “Who can I show grace to?” (1)

David was keeping his promise to Jonathan (1 Samuel 20:13-14, 16-17)

David was keeping his promise to Saul (1 Samuel 24:20-22)

Grace is countercultural

Grace is given to outcasts (2-5)

Mephibosheth was a nobody (3)

Mephibosheth was a nobody from nowhere (5)

Mephibosheth was a cripple (3b)

David demonstrates grace (6-13)

Grace is not earned or deserved (6, 8)

Grace comes through others (7a)

Grace involves restoration and a new position (7b, 11b, 13)

Grace provides what we need (9-10)

Grace for today¹

Then	Now
Mephibosheth once enjoyed fellowship with his father, Jonathan, the son of King Saul.	Adam and Eve walked with God in the Garden of Eden and enjoyed uninterrupted fellowship.
When disaster came, the nurse fled in fear and Mephibosheth suffered a fall. It left him crippled for the rest of his life. He lived in fear as an outcast.	When they fell into sin, Adam and Eve hid in fear. Because of their sin, men and women became spiritual invalids.
Out of sheer love for Jonathan, David demonstrated grace to his handicapped son.	God, out of love for his Son, Jesus Christ, and the penalty he paid on the cross, demonstrates grace to the believing sinner.
Mephibosheth had nothing, deserved nothing, and could repay nothing. He was hiding from the king.	We had nothing, deserved nothing, and could offer God nothing. We were hiding when he found us.
David took Mephibosheth from a place of barrenness and gave him a place of honor.	God takes the broken, handicapped person from a barren hiding place and brings us to a place of plenty, right in the courtroom of the king.
David adopted Mephibosheth into his family, and he became one of the king's sons.	God adopts the believing sinner and makes us sons and daughters of the king.
Mephibosheth's disability was a constant reminder of grace.	Our ongoing struggle with sin is a continual reminder of our need for grace.
At the table of the king, Mephibosheth was treated like any other son of the king.	At God's banquet table, we are equal members with Peter, James, John, Elizabeth, Paul, Dorcas, Augustine, Calvin, Martin Luther . . .

¹ Adapted from *David: A man of passion & destiny*, by Charles R. Swindoll, Dallas, TX: Word Publishing, 1997, pgs. 176-178.