



Icebreaker: What's the funniest or most memorable situation you've ever been bailed out of, whether by a friend, family member, or even a stranger?

Sermon Title – Imperfect: Life of David – At The Table. Always – II Samuel 9:1-13

Group Discussion – Three questions related to the story of David and Mephibosheth:

Read II Samuel 9:1 – **(1) How does David's treatment of Mephibosheth illustrate the concept of grace? Can you share a time when someone showed you unexpected kindness or grace?** Keep in mind that the Hebrew word for "Kindness" is *Hased*, translating to "Loving Kindness" which is a costly love in light of a covenant.

Read II Samuel 9:8 – **(2) Mephibosheth saw himself as "a dead dog", yet David honored him as royalty. How does this story challenge the way we view our own worth? How can we learn to see ourselves through the lens of God's grace rather than our own limitations?** Remember that the view of dogs in David's day was different than our own. Calling someone a "Dead Dog" was the the lowest of the lowest insult.

Read II Samuel 9:12-13 – **(3) David's kindness to Mephibosheth was rooted in his covenant with Jonathan. How can we honor the promises and commitments we've made in our relationships? How does this story encourage us to uphold our commitments even when it's difficult or inconvenient?**

Spiritual Discipline:

Take time this week to review our additional sermon resources through *RightNow Media* or on our app at: **Church Center / Home / Sermon Resources**. These resources coincide with the weekly sermons.

Action Steps:

Individually, think of a person to serve and love radically by taking them out to coffee or grabbing lunch and picking up the tab. When you go, keep your phone in your pocket to communicate that you're giving them undivided attention for that meal. Giving undivided attention in 2024, unfortunately, is a rare occurrence.

As a group, help each other by brainstorming different ways you can do this within your own social circles.