

SERMON MESSAGE FOR SEPTEMBER 21/22, 2019

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The Cripple That God Exalted
2 Samuel 9:1-13 (p. 272)

THE PRINCIPLE



God's _____ can empower the writing of a

_____. (2 Cor. 5:17; 1 Sam. 20:15-16)

BECAUSE GRACE ...

1. _____ the _____.
(9:3; Rom. 5:6; Heb. 4:16)

2. _____ unearned _____.
(9:5-7; Eph. 1:7)

3. _____ undeserved _____.
(9:7-11; Eph. 1:3)

OUR REMINDER



Every new story _____ with an _____. (Matt. 11:28)

FROM SEPTEMBER 21/22, 2019 SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR SERMON-BASED LIFE GROUPS

Personal preparation: Read the passage, review your outline, and think through the questions. With your group, watch the video blog together (www.efcc.org/video-blog).

CONNECTING

1. Grace is powerful enough to re-write our life's story. Is there a part of your life that God's grace has re-written, or is re-writing?

GROWING

2. Review the three main points from the outline that talk about how Mephibosheth experienced God's grace. How have you seen, or how are you seeing, yourself experiencing God's grace in similar ways?

3. How does thinking about how you have experienced God's grace affect the way you think about others who also need to experience it, and who need to experience it *through* you? Who comes to mind? What comes to mind?

SHARING

4. How can people specifically pray for you this week as you try to apply this message?



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(For Scripture references and fill-in the blanks)

"... my message and my preaching were not in persuasive words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith would not rest on the wisdom of men, but on the power of God." 1 Corinthians 2:4-5

THE PRINCIPLE: God's **grace** can empower the writing of a **new life's story**. (2 Cor. 5:17; 1 Sam. 20:15-16)

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come." 2 Corinthians 5:17

"'You shall not cut off your lovingkindness from my house forever, not even when the LORD cuts off every one of the enemies of David from the face of the earth.' So Jonathan made a covenant with the house of David." 1 Samuel 20:15-16

BECAUSE GRACE ...

1. **Seeks** the **broken**. (9:3; Rom. 5:6; Heb. 4:16)

"For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly." Romans 5:6

"Your worst days are never so bad that you are beyond the reach of God's grace. And your best days are never so good that you are beyond the need of God's grace." Jerry Bridges

2. **Extends** unearned **kindness**. (9:5-7; Eph. 1:7)

"In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace which He lavished on us." Ephesians 1:7

"God saves us by His grace, enables us by His grace and then rewards us for His grace." St. Augustine

3. **Provides** undeserved **blessings**. (9:7-11; Eph. 1:3)

"... blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ;" Ephesians 1:3

OUR REMINDER: Every new story **begins** with an **ending**. (Matt. 11:28)

"Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28