The Restoration Journey

AGAPE LIFE CHURCH

The Story of Mephibosheth

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*"**Fear not, for I have redeemed you**; I have called you by your name; **You are Mine.** When you pass through the waters , **I will be with you;** And through the rivers, **they shall not overflow you**. When you walk through the fire, **you shall not be burned**, Nor shall the flame scorch you. **For I am the Lord your God, The Holy One of Israel, your Savior**.* Isaiah 43:1-3

How One Man Learned His True Worth 2 Samuel 9:1-13

Everyone has a journey they must travel, a discovery of who God truly is. A realization of His greatness and the receiving the impact of His incredible overcoming love awaits all who seek Him fully.

This is the beginning of our full restoration as children of God.

Mephibosheth was only five years old when Jonathan, his father and Saul, his grandfather, both fell in the same battle on Mount Gilboa, and with their death their family fell from the throne. In the haste in fleeing for their lives the nurse let the little prince fall and he became lame.

Mephibosheth is a Type of the Redeemed Sinner

1. **He belonged to the royal line but was crippled by a fall.** 2 Samuel 4:4
2. **He lived in exile but was remembered because of a covenant.** (1 Samuel 20:12-17)
   *Then the king said, "Is there not still someone of the house of Saul, **to whom I may show the kindness of God?**" And Ziba said to the king, "There is still a son of Jonathan who is lame in his feet."* 2 Samuel 9:3
3. **He was exalted because of the faithfulness of another.** 2 Samuel 9:7
4. **All things were restored to him.** 2 Samuel 9:9-10
5. **He lived a life of self-denial in the kings' absence.** 2 Samuel 19:24
6. **He was persecuted and slandered.** 2 Sam. 16:1-4 ;19:24-30
7. **His joy at seeing the king return was greater than all else.** 2 Samuel 19:30

Core Point: The greatest need of mankind is to be restored to relationship with God. This requires a realization of how we are truly valued and loved. The revelation of Christianity is exactly to the point of our greatest need.

The Lessons of Mephibosheth

His love will _____ first.

God's grace **remembers** us.

God's grace **pursues** us.

God's grace **carries** us.

Our response to His Love and Grace

Grace is where you let go of your wounded past.

Leave behind the hurts and **crippling issues of life**.

Leave behind your old life and its **devaluing image.**

Leave behind that _____ attitude.

Leave your **former country** for the dwelling of the King.

Grace is where you discover who you were born to be.

Grace brings you **as close** to the King as possible.

Grace keeps you where God has brought you.

Grace is where you embrace God's favor at the Son's _____.

Personalizing the Lessons of Mephibosheth.

1. Realizing that I was sought out by the King.
2. Understanding what I deserved from the King.
3. Acknowledging the love and grace of the King.
4. Humbling myself in the sight of the King.
5. Rejoicing in the words of the King.
6. Accepting the provision of the King.
7. Adjusting my life to the requests of the King.

*What then shall we say to these things? **If God is for us, who can be against us?** He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, **how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?** Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies.* Romans 8:31-33

Core Statement: I accept and am grateful for the love of the one who restores all things in my life! I will let go of my old life and the wounds of my past, and take my place at the table of the King.