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PREVAILING GRACE

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Three Truths About God's Amazing Grace from the Story of Mephibosheth

2 Samuel 4:4 “Saul’s son Jonathan had a son named Mephibosheth, who was crippled as a child. He was five years old when the report came from Jezreel that Saul and Jonathan had been killed in battle. When the child’s nurse heard the news, she picked him up and fled. But as she hurried away, she dropped him, and he became crippled.”

1. WE ALL NEED God's Amazing Grace.

2 Samuel 4:4 "Mephibosheth...was crippled as a child."

We are ALL Mephibosheth:

• *We were destined to reign, but we lost our inheritance:*

Romans 5:12 "When Adam sinned, sin entered the world. Adam's sin brought death, so death spread to everyone, for everyone sinned."

• *We ran in fear and hid from God:*

Isaiah 59:2 "Your iniquities have separated you from your God."

• *We are fallen and broken:*

Romans 3:23 "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."

• *We live in "Lo Debar" – a barren wilderness:*

Ephesians 4:17-18 "The unsaved...are blinded and confused. Their closed hearts are full of darkness; they are far away from the life of God because they have shut their minds against him, and they cannot understand his ways."

What was your Mephibosheth moment?

2. God's Amazing Grace Comes to SEEK and SAVE US.

2 Samuel 9:3 "Is anyone still alive from Saul's family? If so, I want to show God's kindness to them."

Luke 19:10 "For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost."

John 3:17 "For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him."

**You may think you're broken and useless.
God says you're CHOSEN and INVITED.**

Ephesians 2:8 "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith - and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God."

Ephesians 2:4-6 "But God is so rich in mercy, and He loved us so much, that even though we were dead because of our sins, He gave us life when He raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by God's grace that you have been saved!) For He raised us from the dead along with Christ and seated us with Him in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ Jesus."

3. God's Amazing Grace Comes to RESTORE US.

2 Samuel 9:13 "And Mephibosheth ate regularly at the king's table."

1 John 3:1 "See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!"

Romans 8:16-17 "For His Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God's children. And since we are His children, we are His heirs. In fact, together with Christ we are heirs of God's glory."

Luke 22:29-30 "And just as my Father has granted Me a Kingdom, I now grant you the right to eat and drink at My table in My Kingdom."

Psalms 23:1-3 "The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures, He leads me beside quiet waters, He refreshes my soul."

Memory Verse: Ephesians 2:5 "It is only by God's grace that you have been saved!"

