



Riverstone
BAPTIST CHURCH

Sermon Based Questions

Date- Sunday 20th January 2019.

Series- Leap over a wall prt 3

Keeping Covenant

3 The king asked, "Is there no one still alive from the house of Saul to whom I can show God's kindness?" Ziba answered the king, "There is still a son of Jonathan; he is lame in both feet." 2 Samuel 9:3

1. The power covenant exercises. 2 Sam. 9:1-4

2. The provision covenant makes. 2 Sam. 9:5-8.

3. The person covenant embraces. 2 Sam. 9:9-13.

A. Examining the texts.

1. Read 2 Samuel 9:1-4. What is unusual about David's' behavior in these opening verses? How did new dynasties normally treat family members of the old dynasty? (Read 1 Kings 16:8-13)
2. Read 1 Samuel 20:14-16. How does this passage form something of a background to this passage and how does it speak of covenant faithfulness?
3. Read 2 Samuel 9:5-8. What provisions does this covenant make for Mephibosheth and his family?
4. Read 2 Samuel 9:9-13. How does David honor his commitment to Jonathon in this passage? How does he bless Mephibosheth and what is his motive for showing this kindness? How does this point toward the nature of God and his covenant relationship with those in Christ (see Romans 5:10)?

B. Meditation & application

5. What past promises to God and others have you made that you have found hard to keep? Do you think this passage has anything to say to us about "being good to our word?" If so, what?
6. If you are a Christian, what does it mean to you to be in covenant relationship with God? How has he been faithful to his covenant with you?
7. This story reveals that character is revealed in the way that one treats those who are in a weaker or subjugated position? How does David's' example challenge you to relate to others?
8. David was gracious too Mephibosheth for the sake of his covenant relationship with Jonathon. God the Father is gracious to us because of his covenant relationship with his Son. Discuss? How does this passage form an echo of the gospel?

Dear heavenly Father- We thank you that you do not treat us as enemies. We thank you that because of your love for your Son- you welcome us at your table to eat with the King. We pray that our experience of your love would help us to treat our enemies with love- for the sake of his name. In Jesus Name- Amen.

(This outline & questions is indebted to the work of Dale Ralph Davis. 2 Sam Focus on the bible Commentary- "Out of every Adversity, pgs 119-126.)