

Proactive Agents of Mercy

Proactive mercy Restores, Unites, and Invites

What I will be talking about

- **David PROACTIVELY brings mercy upon Mephibosheth**
- **The internal struggle and the risk**
- **The parallels between David and Christ in this story**
- **The final results**
- **What this means for us**

The Background

- **David was Israel's Greatest King**
- **He was anointed to be King while a young boy**
- **King Saul was jealous and persecuted David continually**

The Setting

- **King Saul and his three sons have been killed in battle**
- **David has been firmly established as King over Israel and Judah**
- **David has been given rest from all his enemies**

2 Samuel Ch. 9 vs1

David asked, “Is there anyone still left of the house of Saul to whom I can show kindness for Jonathan’s sake?”

2 Samuel Ch. 9 vs 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 Ch. 9 vs 6-7

⁶ When Mephibosheth son of Jonathan, the son of Saul, came to David, he bowed down to pay him honor. David said, “Mephibosheth!” “At your service,” he replied.

⁷ “Don’t be afraid,” David said to him, “for I will surely show you kindness for the sake of your father Jonathan. I will restore to you all the land that belonged to your grandfather Saul, and you will always eat at my table.”

2 Samuel Ch. 9 vs 11

...so Mephibosheth ate at David's table like one of the king's sons.

The Struggle, the Cost, the Risk

- David was releasing all his rights to revenge
- David voluntarily gave up land, possessions, and prestige
- Mephibosheth might have refused David's mercy

The Results of David's Proactive Mercy

Two way restoration – the descendant of Saul had his legacy and inheritance restored. David received completed healing in his heart.

Unity - David won over the hearts of his former enemies in the House of Saul.

Transformed in a day – Mephibosheth was delivered from fear, had all rights restored, and was given full daily access to the King's presence

The Challenge

- **Has anyone threatened what you see as rightfully yours?**
- **Has anyone who has opposed God's promises upon your life?**
- **Will you ask God who you can show mercy to?**

The Parallels to Christ

- **Christ came to proactively seek us out**
- **We all were worthy of death and in were hiding**
- **Christ brings full restoration of all that had been lost**
- **We are all invited to the King's table – but we must accept**