

From the Chapel – Pastor Lorenzo “Zo” Peterson

Hidden Treasure

Life doesn't always turn out the way we thought it would. Mephibosheth, the son of Jonathan and grandson of Saul, knew this better than anyone. He went from being royalty to being crippled and living in obscurity in a place called Lo-Debar—a barren land that literally means “no pasture.” To the outside world, it looked like his story was over. His condition, his environment, and his circumstances all said he had no future.

But one day grace came looking for him. David, out of covenant love for Jonathan, asked if there was anyone left from Saul's house to whom he could show kindness. When they found Mephibosheth, David didn't see a crippled man in hiding—he saw someone who belonged at the table. He restored his land and gave him a permanent seat at the king's table as one of his sons (2 Samuel 9:7).

Now here's the part I love—Mephibosheth wasn't a liability at that table. He was an asset. History tells us he was an expert in the law. His lameness may have hidden his gift, but once he was seated at the king's table, that gift came alive. He was able to help David navigate matters of the law and contribute to discussions with the delegates who sat with the king. His weakness didn't cancel his value—his gift was still intact, just waiting for the right environment to be revealed.

That's grace. And that's God. Sometimes we feel like our weaknesses, our failures, or our circumstances disqualify us. But God's grace comes looking for us—not to leave us in Lo-Debar, but to bring us to the King's table. At His table, your gift still matters. Your voice still counts. What's been hidden behind your struggles can be revealed in His presence.

Never forget this: your value is not wrapped up in your condition, your past, or your mistakes. Your value is defined by the King who calls you His own. Grace doesn't just make room for you at the table—it reminds you that you still have something to offer.



Prayer

Lord, I thank You that even when life doesn't turn out the way we thought it would, Your grace still comes looking for us. Just as You sent David to Mephibosheth in Lo-Debar, You find us in our hidden and broken places. You don't see us as liabilities; You see us as treasures with value and purpose.

Father, help us to remember that our weaknesses and struggles don't cancel the gifts You've placed inside of us. Like Mephibosheth, our condition may try to cover our calling, but in Your presence our gifts can come alive. Seat us at Your table, Lord, and let what has been hidden behind hardship be revealed as strength and wisdom for such a time as this.

Thank You that at Your table we are not forgotten, overlooked, or discarded. We are sons and daughters with a seat of honor. Use our lives to be a blessing—to our communities, our workplaces, and our families. Let us walk in confidence, knowing that our value is defined not by our past or our pain, but by You, the King who calls us His own.

We give You glory for the hidden treasures You've placed in us. May they shine forth as we walk daily in Your grace.

In Jesus' name, Amen.