

KINGDOM OF KINDNESS

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Sermon Theme: Belonging to an unshakable kingdom means we can be incredibly kind. As God establishes His kingdom in the world, He is showing incredible kindness to humanity and calling His people to do the same. So, let's seek the King's kindness and show His kindness to one another and the world!

I. King David's Kindness – Read 2 Samuel 9:1-13

- A. Read 2 Samuel 9:1-8. Why is King David's desire to show kindness to Saul's family astonishing? Why would people in David's shoes be tempted to eliminate Saul's royal line?
- B. Based on verse 1, why is David wanting to show kindness to Saul's family? What has David promised Saul's son, Jonathan (cf. 1 Samuel 20:14-17)?
- C. What does David promise to Mephibosheth? Why is Mephibosheth's response entirely appropriate to the King's promise of kindness?
- D. Read 2 Samuel 9:9-13. How do these verses show that David follows through on his promises? What role does Ziba serve in Mephibosheth's blessing?
- E. Based on verse 11, how is Mephibosheth's relationship with David described?

II. King Jesus' Kindness – Application

- A. God is establishing His kingdom through His son, Jesus, and is incredibly kind to the enemies of His kingdom. How is King Jesus showing kindness to His enemies? What did it cost Jesus to be able to show the kindness of salvation to rebellious humanity?
- B. Read Titus 3:4-5. Why are sinners saved? What about King Jesus' kindness causes us to be in awe of the King like Mephibosheth in 2 Samuel 9:8?
- C. What are some reasons that you struggle to show kindness, forgiveness, and love to other believers? What are some ways you could show kindness, forgiveness, and love to fellow believers and the lost?
- D. What about King Jesus' kindness to believers enables them to show kindness to others? Why is it worth it for Christians to show incredible kindness to one another and the world?