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Come home,
Mephibosheth

message



Waiting to be gracious to us

8 Therefore the LORD will wait,
that He may be gracious to you;
And therefore He will be exalted,
that He may have mercy on you.
For the LORD *is* a God of justice;
Blessed *are* all those who wait for
Him.

Isaiah 30



Candidates for God's power

⁹ And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.¹⁰ Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

2 Corinthians 12

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What are we boasting in?

²³ Thus says the LORD: “Let not the wise *man* glory in his wisdom,
Let not the mighty *man* glory in his might,
Nor let the rich *man* glory in his riches;
²⁴ But let him who glories glory in this,
That he understands and knows Me,
That I *am* the LORD, exercising lovingkindness,
judgment, and righteousness in the earth.
For in these I delight,” says the LORD

jeremiah 9

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Paralysed by fear

⁴ (Jonathan son of Saul had a son who was lame in both feet. He was five years old when the news about Saul and Jonathan came from Jezreel. His nurse picked him up and fled, but as she hurried to leave, he fell and became disabled. His name was Mephibosheth.)

2 Samuel 4

Unexpected kindness

¹ David asked, “Is there anyone still left of the house of Saul to whom I can show kindness for Jonathan’s sake?”² Now there was a servant of Saul’s household named Ziba. They summoned him to appear before David, and the king said to him, “Are you Ziba?” “At your service,” he replied.³ The king asked, “Is there no one still alive from the house of Saul to whom I can show God’s kindness?”

2 Samuel 9

Forgotten in Lo Debar

Ziba answered the king, “There is still a son of Jonathan; he is lame in both feet.”⁴ “Where is he?” the king asked. Ziba answered, “He is at the house of Makir son of Ammiel in Lo Debar.”⁵ So King David had him brought from Lo Debar, from the house of Makir son of Ammiel.⁶ When Mephibosheth son of Jonathan, the son of Saul, came to David, he bowed down to pay him honor.

2 Samuel 9

Favour too good to be true

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.⁸ Mephibosheth bowed down and said, “What is your servant, that you should notice a dead dog like me?”

2 Samuel 9

Favour restores

⁹ Then the king summoned Ziba, Saul's steward, and said to him, "I have given your master's grandson everything that belonged to Saul and his family. ¹⁰ You and your sons and your servants are to farm the land for him and bring in the crops, so that your master's grandson may be provided for. And Mephibosheth, grandson of your master, will always eat at my table." (Now Ziba had fifteen sons and twenty servants.)

2 Samuel 9

Where will you live?

¹¹ Then Ziba said to the king, “Your servant will do whatever my lord the king commands his servant to do.” So Mephibosheth ate at David’s^[a] table like one of the king’s sons.¹² Mephibosheth had a young son named Mika, and all the members of Ziba’s household were servants of Mephibosheth. ¹³ And Mephibosheth lived in Jerusalem, because he always ate at the king’s table; he was lame in both feet.

2 Samuel 9

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What made him turn back?

²⁷ in weariness and toil, in sleeplessness often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness— ²⁸ besides the other things, what comes upon me daily: my deep concern for all the churches. **NKJV**

2 Corinthians 11

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Purpose and relationship restored

⁹Get here as fast as you can. Demas, chasing fads, went off to Thessalonica and left me here. Crescens is in Galatia province, Titus in Dalmatia. ¹⁰ Luke is the only one here with me. Bring Mark with you; he'll be my right-hand man since I'm sending Tychicus to Ephesus. ¹³ Bring the winter coat I left in Troas with Carpus; also the books and parchment notebooks. ***Message***

2 Timothy 4

Not afraid anymore

10 Aristarchus, my fellow prisoner, sends you greetings, as does Mark, the cousin of Barnabas (about whom you received instructions; if he comes to you, welcome him).**11**...these are my fellow workers for the kingdom of God who are of the circumcision; they have proved to be a comfort to me.

See also Philemon 1:24

Colossians 4



Do you need to come?

²⁸⁻³⁰ “Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you’ll recover your life. I’ll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me—watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won’t lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you’ll learn to live freely and lightly.”

Message

Matthew 11

Do you need to go?

¹² Then Moses said to the LORD, “See, You say to me, ‘Bring up this people.’ But You have not let me know whom You will send with me. Yet You have said, ‘I know you by name, and you have also found grace in My sight.’ ¹³ Now therefore, I pray, if I have found grace in Your sight, show me now Your way, that I may know You and that I may find grace in Your sight. And consider that this nation *is* Your people.” **NKJV**

Exodus 33

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Do you need to go?

14 And He said, “My Presence will go *with you*, and I will give you rest.”

Exodus 33