

“Keeping Promises and Extending Grace” David Owens
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Introduction:

- A. What do you think of when I say the word “_____”?
- B. Spiritually speaking, Grace means _____.
- C. We are saved by grace—we don’t _____ it, can’t _____ it, and can never _____ it, and we are not supposed to—grace is a _____.
- D. In response to the grace we have received, it is God’s desire that we learn to be _____ people.

I. The Story (2 Samuel 9)

- A. David is experiencing a period of _____.
- B. David remembered the _____ he had made.
- C. David asked a question: “Is there anyone still left in the house of Saul whom I can show _____ for _____ sake?”
- D. David discovered from Ziba that there is still a _____ of Jonathan; he is _____ in both feet.
- E. He is living in Lo Debar—Lo means “_____,” Debar means “_____.”
- F. Mephibosheth had been crippled at age _____, when a nurse _____ him while trying to quickly escape.
- G. David told Mephibosheth, “_____ not be _____.”
- H. The outcome of David’s action is that Mephibosheth has secure _____ of his own, is _____ like David’s own sons, and joins the _____ of David.

II. The Application

- A. The Bible’s greatest story of grace is the story of what _____ has done for us through _____. (Jn. 3:16; Rom. 3:23-24)
- B. His Story / Our Story—Like Mephibosheth...
 - 1. We were all _____ by a _____.
 - 2. We were _____ by the _____. (Lk. 19:10)
 - 3. We have been _____ in a far _____.
 - 4. We were _____ for another’s _____. (Eph. 1:5-6)
 - 5. We can be _____ to the King’s _____. (Lk. 14:15)
- C. Let’s be sure we don’t miss out on God’s grace _____ on us, and then once we have received it, let’s _____ it on others. (Eph. 1:7-8)

Answer Key: Intro.: A. Grace. B. unmerited, favor. C. deserve, earn, repay, gift. D. graceful. I.A. peace. I.B. promise. I.C. kindness, Jonathan’s. I.D. son, crippled. I.E. no, pastureland. I.F. five, dropped. I.G. do, afraid. I.H. income, honored, household. II.A. God, Jesus. II.B.1. crippled, fall. II.B.2. sought, King. II.B.3. found, country. II.B.4. saved, sake. II.B.5. restored, table. II.C. lavished, lavish.