INTRODUCTION

- David returned kindness to one clan and reaped a friend for life, but he returned kindness to another clan and war broke out, justifying the quote, "No good deed goes unpunished"

LESSONS THIS QUARTER

1) 03 Jun 2018 .......... 2Sam 1-2 .......... Respected
2) 10 Jun .................. 2Sam 3-4 .......... Crowned
3) 17 Jun .................. 2Sam 5-6 .......... Celebrated
4) 24 Jun .................. 2Sam 7-9 .......... Established
5) 01 Jul .................. 2Sam 9-10 .......... Valued
6) 08 Jul .................. 2Sam 11-12 .......... Accountable
7) 15 Jul .................. 2Sam 13-14 .......... Grieved
8) 22 Jul .................. 2Sam 15-17 .......... Deposited
9) 29 Jul .................. 2Sam 18-19 .......... Restored
10) 05 Aug ................. 2Sam 20 .......... Averted
11) 12 Aug ................ 2Sam 21 .......... Reassured
12) 19 Aug ................ 2Sam 22-23 .......... Thankful
13) 26 Aug ................ 2Sam 24 .......... Disciplined

Passage | Show the Kindness of God
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2Samuel 9:1-8

- v1. David, after having some down time following his many battles to reach the throne, probably recalled his precious friendship with Jonathan...... 1Samuel 20:14-17
- Jonathan & David both vowed to protect each other during some tough times ahead. Jonathan vowed to let David know Saul’s intent to do him good or evil, and David vowed not to cut off Jonathan’s lineage after David came to the throne. Annihilating the losers so no one can legally reclaim the throne was typical of most political takeovers of this era.
- v3. David didn’t want to show his kindness to Jonathan’s son, but he wanted to “show the kindness of God” to him. What would God’s kindness look like as compared to David’s kindness?
- Would God’s kindness go to the extreme?
- v4. Mephibosheth lived in Lo-debar (lit, “no word or “no pasture””) – a small town far from David’s palace.
- Some believe he lived in poverty and Lo-debar was a ghetto. No evidence of such. In fact, Machir, who took him in, was wealthy enough to have Mephib. live with him, and even to have enough provisions to supply David’s army when David was on the run from his son, Absalom .................. 2Sam 17:27-29
- The kindness shown to Mephibosheth was not based on his worthiness but on David’s pledge to Jonathan
- Same with God. We receive God’s blessings not based on our worthiness but on His stated promises
- What are some of our precious promises from God?
- There are 250 distinct promises in the NT according to https://www.hopefaithprayer.com/scriptures/new-testament-promises/:
  1. Promise of Comfort .................. Mat 5:4
  2. Promise of Sonship .................. Mat 5:9
  3. Promise of persecution & blessings .......... Mat 5:11
  4. Promise of answered prayers .......... 1John 3:22
- Others?

CONCLUSION / APPLICATIONS

- God expects us to keep our promises regardless of the effort required...even to our own hurt.................. Ps 15:4

NEXT WEEK: 2Samuel 11-12. David succumbs to temptation, murders a loyal follower, and reaps dire consequences – Yet God is willing to restore after David pays a steep price for dishonoring His Name.