

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 7-8	..... 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	..... Deposed
9) 29 Jul	.....2Sam 18-19	..... Restored
10) 05 Aug	.....2Sam 20	..... Averted
11) 12 Aug	.....2Sam 21	..... Resolved
12) 19 Aug	.....2Sam 22-23	..... Thankful
13) 26 Aug	.....2Sam 24	..... Disciplined

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"

Passage	Comments
2Samuel 9:1-8	<p>Show the Kindness of God</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 Meph. 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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/: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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?
9:9-13	<p>Lameness is No Handicap with God</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mephibosheth's lameness (2Sam 4:4) could have been avoided. Why did God allow it? John 9:2-3 Consider the following blessings of being handicapped: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> God will assemble the lame & outcasts, those whom He has afflicted, into a strong nation Micah 4:6-7 God will greatly honor the lame & outcasts. Zeph 3:19 Paul's "thorn in the flesh" allowed the power of Christ to dwell in him for strength..... 2Cor 12:7-10

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10:1-8	<p>No Good Deed Goes Unpunished</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For some reason, Hanun, the son of Nahash, chose to pick a fight with David when David's intent was to show kindness to him and his family <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What are some reasons why people opt to show evil for good done to them? Ps 35:12 Consider this: Even when the wicked are shown grace they do not learn righteousness Is 28:10
10:9-19	<p>Is "Fake It Till You Make It" a Biblical Concept?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> v12. "Be strong, and let us show ourselves courageous for the sake of our people and for the cities of our God; and may the LORD do what is good in His sight." <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Many positive thinking & prosperity pundits use this verse to reflect their concept "Fake it Till You Make It" There is some truth to this concept. Consider these: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. God does expect us to pray big (Be it according to your faith) Mat 8:13; 9:2, 22, 29; 15:28 2. David, when fighting Goliath, ran toward his enemy 1Sam 17:48 3. Moses told Joshua to be strong & courageous before the people of Israel Deut 31:6-8 4. We are to think positively Phil 4:8 BUT, there is a flip side (we always need to consider the whole counsel of God and not just half of it) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We cannot be presumptive that God will do things our way Deut 1:43; 17:12-13 2. We are to KNOW & GROW in God's will Col 1:9 3. Even David picked up 5 stones just in case he needed them. He lived by faith not by presumption

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.

