



Word Notes: Sunday 06/05/18

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Key Text: 2nd Samuel Chapter 9

The enemy will try to use things from our past to disable us and make us ineffective in our new life. He wants us to be restricted by the way we see ourselves. Even though Mephibosheth had a royal heritage that didn't stop him thinking of himself as crippled, lame, dejected and as worthless as a dead dog (v8). That's what the devil wants you to think about yourself. Your Father God has something much better for you in these key areas of your life:

1, Your position. As Christians we are royal sons of God, but some of us still think we are only fit for the crumbs that fall from God's table. Proverbs 23:7 says that "as a person thinks within himself so he is". That's why we need to renew our thinking, talking captive every thought and turn it to God's truth. How do you see yourself - useless as Gideon did or as God saw Gideon - a mighty warrior.?

2, God's goodness towards you. The enemy also wants you to think little of God and doubt his goodness. In the boat in the storm in Luke 8 the disciples feared for their lives. With Jesus asleep they were essentially saying: - "Teacher don't you care if we drown?" Of course he did, but their thinking was so messed up by their situation they had doubts.

3, Disappointments. Mephibosheth was let down by the one person who should have cared for him his nurse (Chapter 4), while being carried to safety he is dropped and crippled on the day both his father and grandfather were killed in battle. Have people let you down, are there disappointments in your life?

Mephibosheth was seriously crippled, but David wanted to step in and restore him, show kindness out of his love for his father Johnathon. This is a picture of the nature of the heart of God who is full of loving kindness. Jesus welcomes people from low places, remembers His promises and restores people from their low position to their rightful position.

Discussion

In what ways has the enemy or the world tried to make you feel insignificant, insecure and unloved?

How does The Bible's claim to be God's revelation of Truth, especially that through Jesus we are adopted into God's family as loved Sons, change that for you?

Read 1 John 3:1 and Ephesians 3:16-19. How has God shown His love to you – in the past, recently, today?

How deeply have these truths settled in and do you need to replace what the enemy or the world says with what God says?

Pray Together

What "Disabilities" physical, emotional, spiritually have a crippling effect on you? Share if you can and pray for Gods healing – and also make a confession to believe and live in the Truth not the enemy's or the world's lies.