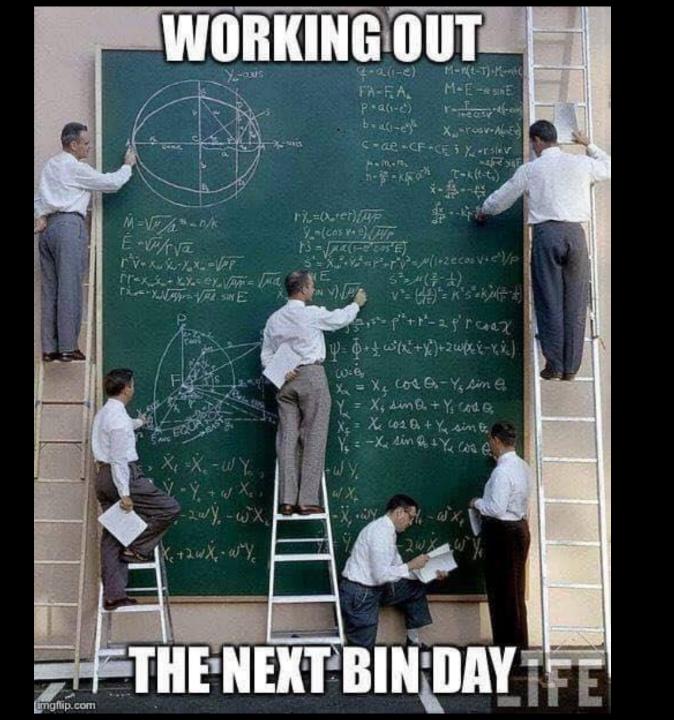
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2 SAMUEL 9
GRACE CHURCH'S
CULTURAL WALUES



Grace Church Vision

"To know, love and worship our Heavenly Father and to see Jesus change thousands of lives by the power of the Holy Spirit".

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Grace Church Culture



We are on a journey to develop a culture characterised by:

- 1. Grace
- 2. God's Presence
- 3. Generosity
- 4. Growth
- 5. Belonging
- 6. Honour



GRACE CHURCH CULTURAL VALUES: 2 SAMUEL 9 WEEK 1: GRACE





9 One day David asked, "Is anyone in Saul's family still alive—anyone to whom I can show kindness for Jonathan's sake?" ² He summoned a man named Ziba, who had been one of Saul's servants. "Are you Ziba?" the king asked.





"Yes sir, I am," Ziba replied.

³ The king then asked him, "Is anyone still alive from Saul's family? If so, I want to show God's kindness to them."





Ziba replied, "Yes, one of Jonathan's sons is still alive. He is crippled in both feet."

4 "Where is he?" the king asked.

"In Lo-debar," Ziba told him, "at the home of Makir son of Ammiel."





⁵ So David sent for him and brought him from Makir's home. ⁶ His name was Mephibosheth; he was Jonathan's son and Saul's grandson. When he came to David, he bowed low to the ground in deep respect. David said, "Greetings, Mephibosheth."





Mephibosheth replied, "I am your servant."

⁷ "Don't be afraid!" David said. "I intend to show kindness to you because of my promise to your father, Jonathan.





I will give you all the property that once belonged to your grandfather Saul, and you will eat here with me at the king's table!"





⁸ Mephibosheth bowed respectfully and exclaimed, "Who is your servant, that you should show such kindness to a dead dog like me?"





⁹ Then the king summoned Saul's servant Ziba and said, "I have given your master's grandson everything that belonged to Saul and his family.





¹⁰ You and your sons and servants are to farm the land for him to produce food for your master's household.





But Mephibosheth, your master's grandson, will eat here at my table." (Ziba had fifteen sons and twenty servants.)





¹¹ Ziba replied, "Yes, my lord the king; I am your servant, and I will do all that you have commanded." And from that time on, Mephibosheth ate regularly at David's table, like one of the king's own sons.





12 Mephibosheth had a young son named Mica. From then on, all the members of Ziba's household were Mephibosheth's servants. ¹³ And Mephibosheth, who was crippled in both feet, lived in Jerusalem and ate regularly at the king's table.

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1. Grace bring acceptance





"is anyone still alive from Saul's family?" If so I want to show them

God's kindness to them" (v3)





"before the creation of the world he chose us in Christ" Eph 1 v 4





"for the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men"

Titus 2 v 11





"grace says: I've seen the ugly parts of you, and I'm staying."

Matt Chandler





2. Grace brings friendship with God





"you will eat with ME at the King's Table" (v7)



"The marker of those who understand the gospel of Jesus Christ (GRACE) is that, when they stumble and fall, when they screw up, they run to God and not from him, because they clearly understand that their acceptance before God is not based upon their behaviour but on the righteous life of Jesus Christ and his sacrificial death."

— <u>Matt Chandler</u>,

If Jesus is my Lord:

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- * I have been totally forgiven of my sin
- * I am loved unconditionally
- * My shame has been covered
- * I have eternal life
- * The Spirit of God lives in me
- * I can say no to sin
- * I call God my father
- * I have a seat at the table
- * I belong to his family
- * Everyday I wake up to God's love
- *All because of God's grace.