

January 28, 2018
Sermon Notes
2 Samuel 9:1-13

What's the most unlikely concept in the Bible?

GRACE - Chesed (loving kindness, related to chasidah, stork in English)

What makes grace so unlikely?

It finds us, we don't find it

Romans 3:11 NLT

11 No one is truly wise; no one is seeking God.

"I never had the experience of looking for God. It was the other way round: He was the hunter (or so it seemed to me) and I was the deer. . . I am very thankful that this is how the first (conscious) meeting occurred. It forearms one against subsequent fears that the whole thing was only wish fulfillment. Something one didn't wish for can hardly be that."

C.S. Lewis

David sought Mephibosheth even though he was:

Fallen

Far Away

Fearful

Ephesians 2:13 ESV

13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

Hebrews 10:26-27 ESV

26 For if we go on sinning deliberately after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, 27 but a fearful expectation of judgment, and a fury of fire that will consume the adversaries.

What makes grace so unlikely?

It brings us into the King's presence

Ephesians 1:5-6 ESV

5 he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, 6 to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.

Romans 8:32 ESV

32 He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?

Ephesians 1:3 ESV

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places,

2 Peter 1:3 ESV

3 His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence,

What makes grace so unlikely?
It sustains us into the future

2 Samuel 19:30 ESV

30 And Mephibosheth said to the king, "Oh, let him take it all, since my lord the king has come safely home."

Philippians 3:8-9 ESV

Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith—

1 John 4:10-11 ESV

In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. 11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.