

Rebellion Meets Mercy
2 Samuel 9.1-13 (ESV)

Big Idea: The _____ we've received is the mercy we're to _____.

Mercy: Compassion for the _____; to stoop to kindness to an inferior, to have pity upon and to be actively compassionate.

Psalm 103.8-17 (KJV)

⁸The Lord is merciful and gracious, Slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy.

⁹He will not always chide: Neither will he keep his anger for ever.

¹⁰He hath not dealt with us after our sins; Nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.

¹¹For as the heaven is high above the earth, So great is his mercy toward them that fear him.

¹²As far as the east is from the west, So far hath he removed our transgressions from us.

¹³Like as a father pitieth his children, So the Lord pitieth them that fear him.

¹⁴For he knoweth our frame; He remembereth that we are dust.

¹⁵As for man, his days are as grass: As a flower of the field, so he flourisheth.

¹⁶For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone; And the place thereof shall know it no more.

¹⁷But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, And his righteousness unto children's children;

Matthew 5:7 (ESV)

"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

James 5.11 (ESV)

Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

We share mercy when we...

1) _____ People. (v1-3)

2 Samuel 9.1-3 (ESV)

¹And David said, "Is there still anyone left of the house of Saul, that I may show him kindness for Jonathan's sake?"

²Now there was a servant of the house of Saul whose name was Ziba, and they called him to David. And the king said to him, "Are you Ziba?" And he said, "I am your servant."

³And the king said, "Is there not still someone of the house of Saul, that I may show the kindness of God to him?" Ziba said to the king, "There is still a son of Jonathan; he is crippled in his feet."

2) _____ People.

2 Samuel 9.4-8 (ESV)

⁴The king said to him, "Where is he?" And Ziba said to the king, "He is in the house of Machir the son of Ammiel, at Lo-debar."

⁵Then King David sent and brought him from the house of Machir the son of Ammiel, at Lodebar.

⁶And Mephibosheth the son of Jonathan, son of Saul, came to David and fell on his face and paid homage. And David said, "Mephibosheth!" And he answered, "Behold, I am your servant."

⁷And David said to him, "Do not fear, for I will show you kindness for the sake of your father Jonathan, and I will restore to you all the land of Saul your father, and you shall eat at my table always."

⁸And he paid homage and said, "What is your servant, that you should show regard for a dead dog such as I?"

3) _____ people.

2 Samuel 9.9-13 (ESV)

⁹ Then the king called Ziba, Saul's servant, and said to him, "All that belonged to Saul and to all his house I have given to your master's grandson.

¹⁰And you and your sons and your servants shall till the land for him and shall bring in the produce, that your master's grandson may have bread to eat. But Mephibosheth your master's grandson shall always eat at my table." Now Ziba had fifteen sons and twenty servants.

¹¹Then Ziba said to the king, "According to all that my lord the king commands his servant, so will your servant do." So Mephibosheth ate at David's table, like one of the king's sons.

¹²And Mephibosheth had a young son, whose name was Mica. And all who lived in Ziba's house became Mephibosheth's servants.

¹³So Mephibosheth lived in Jerusalem, for he ate always at the king's table. Now he was lame in both his feet.

2 Peter 3.9 (ESV)

The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.