# "The Key of David" (5)

"I have found in David the son of Jesse a man after my heart, who will do all my will." (Hots 13:22)

## **Grace Dispenser**

<u>Psalm 86:15-16</u> — (15) "But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness. (16) Turn to me and be gracious to me; give your strength to your servant, and save the son of your maidservant."

## Proactive Grace - Give as I been given

2 Samuel 9:1-7 — (1) "And David said, 'Is there still anyone left of the house of Saul, that I may show him kindness for Jonathan's sake?' (2) Now 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.' (3) And 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.' (4) The 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.' (5) Then King David sent and brought him from the house of Machir the son of Ammiel, at Lo-debar. (6) And 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.' (7) And 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.'"

## Reactive Grace - Forgive as I have been forgiven

2 Samuel 16:5-12 — (5) "When King David came to Bahurim, there came out a man of the family of the house of Saul, whose name was Shimei, the son of Gera, and as he came he cursed continually. (6) And he threw stones at David and at all the servants of King David, and all the people and all the mighty men were on his right hand and on his left. (7) And Shimei said as he cursed, 'Get out, get out, you man of blood, you worthless man! (8) The LORD has avenged on you all the blood of the house of Saul, in whose place you have reigned, and the LORD has given the kingdom into the hand of your son Absalom. See, your evil is on you, for you are a man of blood.' (9) Then Abishai the son of Zeruiah said to the king, 'Why should this dead dog curse my lord the king? Let me go over and take off his head.'

(10) But the king said, 'What have I to do with you, you sons of Zeruiah? If he is cursing because the LORD has said to him, 'Curse David,' who then shall say, 'Why have you done so?' (11) And David said to Abishai and to all his servants, 'Behold, my own son seeks my life; how much more now may this Benjaminite! Leave him alone, and let him curse, for the LORD has told him to. (12) It may be that the LORD will look on the wrong done to me, and that the LORD will repay me with good for his cursing today.""

2 Samuel 19:18-23 – (18) "...And Shimei the son of Gera fell down before the king, as he was about to cross the Jordan, (19) and said to the king, 'Let not my lord hold me guilty or remember how your servant did wrong on the day my lord the king left Jerusalem. Do not let the king take it to heart. (20) For your servant knows that I have sinned. Therefore, behold, I have come this day, the first of all the house of Joseph to come down to meet my lord the king.' (21) Abishai the son of Zeruiah answered, 'Shall not Shimei be put to death for this, because he cursed the LORD's anointed?' (22) But David said, 'What have I to do with you, you sons of Zeruiah, that you should this day be as an adversary to me? Shall anyone be put to death in Israel this day? For do I not know that I am this day king over Israel?' (23) And the king said to Shimei, 'You shall not die.' And the king gave him his oath."

Key Point: Those who know their place, tend to show grace

## **Grace Dispensing:**

"Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." (Galatians 6:2)

"Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person."
(Colossians 4:6)

"And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God." (Ephesians 5:2)

## **Questions:**

What impacted me the most in this message? What is one of the truest measures of my 'spirituality'? (Gal. 5:6)

(ESV used unless otherwise noted)