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ATTRACTING GOD'S ATTENTION

LESSON 6 // A GRACIOUS HEART

Big Idea: David's life shows us that a gracious heart attracts God's attention. For us to develop this kind of heart, we need to grasp three important truths that David understood: God is gracious, grace changes the way you think and act, and grace changes others.

2 Samuel 9:5-8 (NIV) *So King David had him brought from Lo Debar, from the house of Makir son of Ammiel. When Mephibosheth son of Jonathan, the son of Saul, came to David, he bowed down to pay him honor. David said, "Mephibosheth!" "At your service," he replied. "Don't be afraid," David said to him, "for I will surely show you kindness for the sake of your father Jonathan. I will restore to you all the land that belonged to your grandfather Saul, and you will always eat at my table." Mephibosheth bowed down and said, "What is your servant, that you should notice a dead dog like me?"*

Start Talking:

Talk about a time when someone was very gracious to you. What kind of impression and impact did this leave with you?

Start Thinking:

Read Psalm 86:15. How has God been compassionate and gracious to you? How should this impact the way you respond to and treat others?

Read 2 Samuel 9:5-8. What do you learn from the story of David and Mephibosheth about the power of God's grace in relationships?

Read Ephesians 2:4-10 and 4:32. In what ways are we commanded and instructed to receive and give God's grace in these verses? Why is this such a vital part of our walk with the Lord and our Christian testimony to others?

Read and 2 Corinthians 12:9, Colossians 4:6 and James 4:6. According to these verses, how does grace change us?

Start Praying and Doing:

Take time to thank God for His marvelous redeeming grace that brought you into a relationship with Him through His Son! Consider how much he has done for you and let that spur your heart to be gracious to those around you.

Think through how you can express God's grace to others in practical ways (helping them with a project; communicating acceptance and encouragement; including them; forgiving them; praying for them; acts of kindness and compassion; etc.). Take advantage of opportunities this week to be gracious in one or more of these ways.