

Strong in Grace

STRONG IN GRACE (2 Timothy 2:1 NKJV)

- Understanding grace
 1. What is grace
 2. What has grace done for me - how do I become strong in grace?
- Grace
 1. God's power and ability towards us (**Romans 4:4 NKJV**)

A PICTURE OF GRACE

- The kindness of God (**2 Samuel 9:1-5 NKJV**)
 1. For Jonathan's sake - David and Jonathan had a covenant between them
 2. David had a desire to do good - did not even know Mephibosheth existed
- Mephibosheth had little to offer David
 1. No significant resources - did not have his own house
 2. He was paralyzed in both feet - could not fight for David
- David initiated the contact with Meph - went and brought him

GOD'S GRACE TOWARD US

- God's kindness to us (**Titus 3:3-6 NKJV**)
 1. We did not have much to offer God
 2. We did not earn His kindness
 3. God saved us - initiated contact by sending Jesus
- The more we understand grace (**Titus 3:1-2 NKJV**)
 1. The better we treat people - we know where we came from
 2. Works breeds pride / Grace produces humility

THE CHALLENGE AND THE BLESSING (2 Samuel 9:6-10 NKJV)

- Mephibosheth had a distorted view of David
 1. He was afraid of David - all his life David was the enemy
 2. David was blamed for his paralyzed condition
 3. Meph had no idea of the relationship and agreement with David and his father
- A distorted view of God for many today
 1. Many are afraid of God or have blamed Him for the loss in their lives
 2. Many do not know what God has done for them in Christ (**John 3:16 NKJV**)
 3. Why renewing our minds to the love of God is important