

GRACE BUILT
Part 3: Grace Built Love Based

Text: Acts 20:32 NKJ

BUILT ON LOVE (Ephesians 2:4-7 NKJ)

- A. God's grace is a by product of His love
 - 1. We did nothing to earn His love
 - 2. What He did through Jesus He did for us
 - 3. This love and grace does not run out
 - 4. Faith is our response to God's grace in our lives (**Ephesians 2:8-9 NKJ**)

A LOVE / GRACE STORY (2 Samuel 9:1-5 NKJ)

- A. Because of Jonathan
 - 1. David's best friend in life
 - 2. David and Jonathan had made commitments to each other (**1 Samuel 20:42 NKJ**)
- B. Living in a low state
 - 1. Mephibosheth had become disabled in his feet
 - 2. He could not have believed that David was good
 - 3. Mephibosheth did not appear to have anything to offer David
- C. We can spiritually relate to Mephibosheth
 - 1. We were spiritually living in a low state (**Romans 5:6 NKJ**)
 - 2. Many did not believe that God was good
 - 3. But because of God's love (**Romans 5:8,11 NKJ**)

LIFTED BY LOVE ESTABLISHED BY GRACE (2 Samuel 9:6-11 NKJ)

- A. No reason to be afraid
 - 1. It was right for Mephibosheth to show respect to king David
 - 2. It was not right for him to fear for his life
- C. Restored to a place of abundance
 - 1. As a king, Saul had most likely owned a large amount of land
 - 2. Blessed beyond his capacity
- C. Given a place of royalty
 - 1. To eat at the king's table was a privilege reserved for the king's family
- D. Initially Mephibosheth resisted David's grace
 - 1. Few things of less value than a dead dog