

10. What was his reaction when David told him he will always eat at his table? What emotions or thoughts do you think he had?

11. How would you have felt?

12. In what way is David's kindness to Mephibosheth similar to God's kindness to us?

13. When we think about God's goodness to us, what does it mean for you to:

Remember?

Worship?

Serve?

14. In what specific ways will you do these this week?



“When Everything’s Amazing”

Sermon Notes and Takehome

March 6th, 2011

“Men can only be happy when they do not assume that the object of life is happiness.” – George Orwell

“True humility is contentment.” -- Henri Frederic Amiel

“Gratitude is not only the greatest of virtues, but the parent of all the others.” — Marcus Tullius Cicero

“One can never pay in gratitude: one can only pay 'in kind' somewhere else in life.” -- Anne Morrow Lindbergh

Scripture: 2 Samuel 7:1-17

“The true test of character is not how we respond to the hard times, but how we respond when things are going well.”

How we react to good times:

1. Our _____ gets short.
2. We take _____.
3. We _____.

How David responded when life was good:

1. He _____.

- He remembered _____. (vs. 2)
- God _____ him where he came from. (vs 6ff)

2. He _____. (vs. 18-22)

- We have an incredible need to _____ others.

Why David worshipped:

- a. The _____ of God. (vs 22)
 - b. That God _____ to him. (vs. 18)
- We worship because it's _____ for us.

3. He defined himself as God's _____, not _____.

- A _____ takes, but a _____ gives.

Typically a new king would first remove _____ to his throne.

Why was David "a man after God's own heart?" David said Saul's grandson would always eat at the king's table!

Questions for Reflection and Application:

1. What are some things in your life that make you think "life is good?"
2. Kory mentioned that we often have three natural responses when times are good. What are they? Can you think of others? Give examples.

Read 2 Samuel 7:1-17:

3. What was David's reaction when life was good for him?
4. How did David respond when God told him he couldn't build the Temple? How would you have responded?
5. What did this reveal about David's character?
6. In the message, Kory said, ""The true test of character is not how we respond to the hard times, but how we respond when things are going well." Do you agree?
7. How do hard times reveal our character?
8. How do good times reveal our character?

Read 2 Samuel chapter 9:

9. What do you think Mephibosheth was thinking as David's men were bringing him to the palace? What would you have been thinking?