

Reflection/Discussion Questions

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Sermon: The Choice to Receive

Series: Choices Along The Line #1

Bible: 2 Samuel 9

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1. What's one area of your life that feels like a "Lo-Debar"—a place of isolation, shame, or "no pasture"?
 2. Share a time when someone unexpectedly showed you kindness you didn't feel you deserved. How did it affect you?
 3. What does 2 Samuel 9:1-3 reveal about David's heart and the kind of kindness he wanted to show?
 4. How does the description of Mephibosheth ("lame in both feet," living in Lo-Debar) help us understand our own condition before God's grace?
 5. Observe 2 Samuel 9:7—what three specific gifts does David give Mephibosheth, and what do they communicate?
 6. Why is the Hebrew word *hesed* (loving-kindness / covenant loyalty) so important for understanding this story and the gospel?
 7. In what ways have you felt like a "dead dog" before God or others? How does this story speak to that feeling?
 8. How does knowing that the limp stayed (2 Samuel 9:13) yet Mephibosheth still sat at the king's table change your view of grace?
 9. What one practical change could you make this week to live more as a receiver of God's loving-kindness?
 10. How will you live out "The Choice to Receive" this week? Share a specific prayer request for accountability and support.