



# Living Out Our Faith

*Brotherly Kindness and Love*

*Sunrise and sunset conventionally refer to the times when the upper edge of the disk of the Sun is on the horizon. Atmospheric conditions are assumed to be average, and the location is in a level region on the Earth's surface.*





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1 Then David said, "Is there yet anyone left of the house of Saul, that I may show him kindness for Jonathan's sake?" 2 Now there was a servant of the house of Saul whose name was Ziba, and they called him to David; and the king said to him, "Are you Ziba?" And he said, "I am your servant." 3 The king said, "Is there not yet anyone of the house of Saul to whom I may show the kindness of God?" And Ziba said to the king, "There is still a son of Jonathan who is crippled in both feet."



## 2 Samuel 9

4 So the king said to him, "Where is he?" And Ziba said to the king, "Behold, he is in the house of Machir the son of Ammiel in Lo-debar." 5 Then King David sent and brought him from the house of Machir the son of Ammiel, from Lo-debar. 6 Mephibosheth, the son of Jonathan the son of Saul, came to David and fell on his face and prostrated himself. And David said, "Mephibosheth." And he said, "Here is your servant!"



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7 David said to him, "Do not fear, for I will surely show kindness to you for the sake of your father Jonathan, and will restore to you all the land of your grandfather Saul; and you shall eat at my table regularly." 8 Again he prostrated himself and said, "What is your servant, that you should regard a dead dog like me?" 9 Then the king called Saul's servant Ziba and said to him, "All that belonged to Saul and to all his house I have given to your master's grandson.



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10 "You and your sons and your servants shall cultivate the land for him, and you shall bring in the produce so that your master's grandson may have food; nevertheless Mephibosheth your master's grandson shall eat at my table regularly." Now Ziba had fifteen sons and twenty servants. 11 Then Ziba said to the king, "According to all that my lord the king commands his servant so your servant will do." So Mephibosheth ate at David's table as one of the king's sons.



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based on covenant,  
not convenience.***

*They require putting  
God's commands above  
our preferences.*



*They require putting  
other's needs above  
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34 A new commandment I give to you,  
that you love one another: just as I  
have loved you, you also are to love  
one another. 35 By this all people will  
know that you are my disciples, if you  
have love for one another."



- John 14:34-35

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*They require putting  
our knowledge into  
action.*



“Why do we not observe that it is their (the Christians’) benevolence to strangers, their care for the graves of the dead, and the pretended holiness of their lives that have done most to increase atheism (unbelief in pagan gods)? For it is disgraceful that, when no Jew ever has to beg, and the impious Galileans (Christians) support not only their own poor but ours as well, all men see that our people lack aid from us.”



- Roman Emperor Julian





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