

Blessed To Bless | Pay It Forward, Pt. 1

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Saul's son Jonathan had a son named Mephibosheth, who was crippled as a child. He was five years old when the report came from Jezreel that Saul and Jonathan had been killed in battle. When the child's nurse heard the news, she picked him up and fled. But as she hurried away, she dropped him, and he became crippled. [2 Samuel 4:4 \(NLT\)](#)

4 Truths About Us

1. We are more than we think.

In the past **you were spiritually dead** because of your disobedience and sins. [Ephesians 2:1 \(GNT\)](#)

Is anyone in Saul's family still alive—**anyone to whom I can show kindness** for Jonathan's sake? [2 Samuel 9:1 \(NLT\)](#)

2. We are more than we think.

Long before he laid down earth's foundations, **he had us in mind**, had settled on us as **the focus of his love**, to be made whole and holy by his love. Long, long ago he decided to adopt us into his family through Jesus Christ. (What pleasure he took in planning this!) [Ephesians 1:4-5 \(MSG\)](#)

When he came to David, he bowed low to the ground in deep respect. [2 Samuel 9:6 \(NLT\)](#)

"Don't be afraid!" David said. **"I intend to show kindness to you** because of my promise to your father, Jonathan."
[2 Samuel 9:7 \(NLT\)](#)

"Who am I that you pay attention to a stray dog like me?" [2 Samuel 9:8 \(MSG\)](#)

3. We are more than we think.

Let us praise God for his glorious grace, for the free gift he gave us in his dear Son! For by the blood of Christ we are set free, that is, our sins are forgiven. How great is the grace of God. [Ephesians 1:6-7 \(GNT\)](#)

I will give you all the property that once belonged to your grandfather Saul, and **you will eat here with me at the king's table!** [2 Samuel 9:7 \(NLT\)](#)

4. We are more than we think.

His unchanging plan has always been to adopt us into his own family by sending Jesus Christ to die for us. **And he did this because he wanted to!** [Ephesians 1:5 \(TLB\)](#)

Because God was so gracious, so very generous, here I am. **And I'm not about to let his grace go to waste ..."** [1 Corinthians 15:10 \(MSG\)](#)

For your own notes:

Bring a friend and join us next weekend for our 36th birthday celebration and an opportunity to pay it forward!

Daily Bible Readings

Monday—Romans 16//**Tuesday**—1 Peter 1

Wednesday—1 Peter 2//**Thursday**—1 Peter 3

Friday—1 Peter 4//**Saturday**—1 Peter 5

Sunday—2 Peter 1

Join us online or in-person next weekend for:

PAY IT FORWARD, Part 2

Weekend Service Times:

Saturday **6:15 p.m.**

Sunday **10:30 a.m.** & **12:15 p.m.**