

Love like Jesus: Love is NOT & Does NOT...

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2 Samuel 9:1-11

1 David asked, "Is there anyone still left of the house of Saul to whom I can show kindness for Jonathan's sake?" 2 Now there was a servant of Saul's household named Ziba. They called him to appear before David, and the king said to him, "Are you Ziba?" "Your servant," he replied. 3 The king asked, "Is there no one still left of the house of Saul to whom I can show God's kindness?" Ziba answered the king, "There is still a son of Jonathan; he is crippled in both feet." 4 "Where is he?" the king asked. Ziba answered, "He is at the house of Makir son of Ammiel in Lo Debar." 5 So King David had him brought from Lo Debar, from the house of Makir son of Ammiel. 6 When Mephibosheth son of Jonathan, the son of Saul, came to David, he bowed down to pay him honor. David said, "Mephibosheth!" "Your servant," he replied. 7 "Don't be afraid," David said to him, "for I will surely show you kindness for the sake of your father Jonathan. I will restore to you all the land that belonged to your grandfather Saul, and you will always eat at my table." 8 Mephibosheth bowed down and said, "What is your servant, that you should notice a dead dog like me?" 9 Then the king summoned Ziba, Saul's servant, and said to him, "I have given your master's grandson everything that belonged to Saul and his family. 10 You and your sons and your servants are to farm the land for him and bring in the crops, so that your master's grandson may be provided for. And Mephibosheth, grandson of your master, will always eat at my table." (Now Ziba had fifteen sons and twenty servants.) 11 Then Ziba said to the king, "Your servant will do whatever my lord the king commands his servant to do." So Mephibosheth ate at David's table like one of the king's sons.

The unconditional agape Love of God...

1. IS NOT PROUD OR RUDE & DOES NOT ENVY OR BOAST

1 Cor 13:

4... [Love] is not proud... 5 ... It is not rude...

4... [Love] does not envy, it does not boast...

Luke 18:9-14

9 To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everybody else, Jesus told this parable: 10 "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. 11 The Pharisee stood up and prayed about himself: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men — robbers, evildoers, adulterers — or even like this tax collector. 12 I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.' 13 "But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, 'God, have mercy on me, a sinner.' 14 "I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

2. IS NOT SELF-SEEKING & DOES NOT DELIGHT IN EVIL

1 Cor 13:

5 ... [Love] is not self-seeking... 6 Love does not delight in evil...

Matt 20:28

28 ... the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Luke 22:42

42 "Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done."

3. IS NOT EASILY ANGERED & KEEPS NO RECORD OF WRONGS

1 Cor 13:

5 ... [Love] is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.

Matt 21:12

12 Jesus entered the temple area and drove out all who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves.

Luke 23:34

34 Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.