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Message One

David's Kindness and Mephibosheth's Response

Scripture Reading: 2 Sam. 9:1-13; Heb. 4:16; 12:12-13

I. Second Samuel 9:1-13 is a record of David's showing kindness to Mephibosheth, the son of Jonathan:

- A. David felt obliged to show kindness, for the sake of Jonathan, to any remaining descendant of the house of Saul and asked a servant of the house of Saul, saying, "Is there yet anyone at all of the house of Saul, that I may show the kindness of God to him?"—v. 3a.
- B. The servant told David that there was still a son of Jonathan, Mephibosheth, who was crippled in his feet—v. 3b.
- C. David told Mephibosheth that he would show kindness to him for the sake of Jonathan, his father and promised Mephibosheth that he would restore to him all the land of his grandfather and that he would eat at the king's table continually—vv. 7, 13.

II. Mephibosheth had no ground to receive grace, yet he received it; the same is true with regard to us and God:

- A. Mephibosheth had no position at all before David—vv. 1-6:
 - 1. He received kindness not because of himself but because of another person—v. 7.
 - 2. This is true for a sinner before God—Rom. 2:4.
- B. When we are in a pitiful condition, God's mercy reaches us and brings us into a situation in which He is able to favor us with His grace—Heb. 4:16.
- C. We need to come to the throne of grace to receive mercy and find grace for timely help, that we might be set upright—12:12-13.

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Message One—Verse Sheet

David's Kindness and Mephibosheth's Response

Scripture Reading:

2 Samuel 9:1-13

- 1 And David said, Is there still anyone left of the house of Saul, that I may show kindness to him 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 And the king said, Is there yet anyone at all of the house of Saul, that I may show the kindness of God to him? And Ziba said to the king, There is still a son of Jonathan; he is crippled in [his] feet.
- 4 Then the king said to him, Where is he? And Ziba said to the king, He is just now in the house of Machir the son of Amiel in Lo-debar.
- 5 And King David sent [men] and took him from the house of Machir the son of Amiel, from Lo-debar.
- 6 And Mephibosheth the son of Jonathan, the son of Saul, came to David and fell on his face and paid homage. And David said, Mephibosheth. And he said, Your servant is here.
- 7 And David said to him, Do not be afraid, for I will surely show kindness to you for the sake of Jonathan your father; and I will restore to you all the land of your father Saul, and you will eat food at my table continually.
- 8 And he paid [him] homage and said, What is your servant that you should look upon a dead dog like me?
- 9 And the king called Ziba, Saul's attendant, and said to him, All that belongs to Saul and to all his house I give to your master's son.
- 10 And you shall work the land for him, you and your sons and your servants; and you shall bring in [the produce] that your master's son may have food to eat; and Mephibosheth, your master's son, will eat food continually at my table. Now Ziba had fifteen sons and twenty servants.
- 11 Then Ziba said to the king, According to all that my lord the king has commanded his servant, so will your servant do. And Mephibosheth, [said David,] shall eat at my table like one of the king's sons.
- 12 And Mephibosheth had a young son, whose name was Mica. And all who dwelt in the house of Ziba were servants to Mephibosheth.
- 13 And Mephibosheth dwelt in Jerusalem because he ate at the king's table continually. And he was crippled in both his feet.

Hebrews 4:16

Let us therefore come forward with boldness to the throne of grace that we may receive mercy and find grace for timely help.

Hebrews 12:12-13

- 12 Therefore set straight the hands which hang down and the paralyzed knees.
- 13 And make straight paths for your feet, that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather may be healed.

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Message One—Ministry Reading

David's Kindness and Mephibosheth's Response

Verses for Pray-Reading:

- 2 Sam. 9:3** And the king said, Is there yet anyone at all of the house of Saul, that I may show the kindness of God to him? And Ziba said to the king, There is still a son of Jonathan; he is crippled in [his] feet.
- Heb. 4:6** Since therefore it remains that some should enter into it and those who formerly had the good news announced [to them] did not enter because of disobedience.

Ministry Reading:

DAVID SHOWING MEPHIBOSHETH KINDNESS (2 SAMUEL 9:1-13)

“And David said, Is there yet any that is left of the house of Saul, that I may show him kindness for Jonathan's sake?” (v. 1). God is also asking, “Is there yet any that is left of Adam, that I may show him grace?” David showed Mephibosheth kindness for the sake of Jonathan; God graced the sinners because of His Son Jesus. People make a great mistake in thinking that God hates man. They think that man has to do a great deal of good before God's face will be turned to them. Yet they are not sure how much good should be done before God will stop His wrath, consider them, and be pleased with them. But Mephibosheth had no position at all before David. David did not know Mephibosheth. David only knew Mephibosheth's father, Jonathan. He was gracious to Mephibosheth for Jonathan's sake. Mephibosheth did not have to do anything good before he could receive David's favor. Mephibosheth had no position at all before David. He received kindness not because of himself but because of another person. This is true for a sinner before God. Many people think, “I must do something good before I can

please God.” But the Bible tells us that God loves us without a reason. We did not have any position before God, and we should not have obtained His grace. But we have our Jonathan, Jesus Christ. God has graced us because of Him. We are saved because we have the Lord Jesus before God. With the Lord, we can come before God.

The universities in the old times required two years of pre-university studies. Some medical schools required three years of preparation. But to obtain salvation, there is no need to enter any pre-university. Many people think that they have to prepare themselves before they can win back God's heart. But I can tell you that there is no need to do anything to please God. There is no place in the Bible that says that God wants to be reconciled to us. The Bible only says that we need to be reconciled to God. God is reconciled to us already! God gave His Son to us because He loved us. He did not love us only after He gave His Son to us. Someone said, “It is fortunate the Lord Jesus died so that God could love us.” But there is no such thing. He gave His Son to us because He loved us. (*Collected Works of Watchman Nee, The (Set 1) Vol. 18, pp. 280-281*)

Discussion Questions:

1. In groups, pray to experience and touch the kindness of God during this conference.
2. What does it mean that Mephibosheth received kindness not because of himself but because of another person?
3. How can we come to the throne of grace to receive mercy and find grace for timely help?

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Message Two

Lodebar—The Place of No Grass

Scripture Reading: John 1:12; 2 Sam. 9:4-7

- I. *Lo-debar*, the place where Mephibosheth lived, is a Hebrew word that means “a place without grass, without pasture”; the world today is a “Lo-debar”—2 Sam. 9:4:**
- A. Mephibosheth, who ran away from David, was living in a place without grass, without any life supply—v. 4.
 - B. A sinner far away from God is also living in a place “without grass” meaning that our human labor does not result in supply for our lives—*Hymns 1080*.
 - C. If we read the Bible carefully, we shall see that there are three kinds of labor in the world:
 - 1. The first kind of labor is to be a good person—Eph. 2:8-9.
 - 2. The second kind of labor is to be anxious—Matt. 6:31-33.
 - 3. The third kind of labor is suffering—2 Cor. 12:8-9.
- II. Mephibosheth did not seek after David, but David sent men to fetch Mephibosheth—2 Sam. 9:4-5:**
- A. When David said, “Mephibosheth,” there was a compassionate feeling in his heart, and there was a pleasant tone in his voice—vv. 6-7.
 - B. Underneath this word was a heart that expressed God’s heart—1 Sam. 16:7.
 - C. “But when the kindness and the love to man of our Savior God appeared”; it is the kindness and love of our Savior God that saved us—Titus 3:4.
 - D. Our pitiful condition created a wide gap between us and God’s grace; it was God’s mercy that bridged this gap and brought us to His salvation of grace—vv. 4-7.

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Message Two—Verse Sheet

Lodebar—The Place of No Grass

Scripture Reading:

John 1:12

But as many as received Him, to them He gave the authority to become children of God, to those who believe into His name.

2 Samuel 9:4-7

- 4 Then the king said to him, Where is he? And Ziba said to the king, He is just now in the house of Machir the son of Amiel in Lo-debar.
- 5 And King David sent [men] and took him from the house of Machir the son of Amiel, from Lo-debar.
- 6 And Mephibosheth the son of Jonathan, the son of Saul, came to David and fell on his face and paid homage. And David said, Mephibosheth. And he said, Your servant is here.
- 7 And David said to him, Do not be afraid, for I will surely show kindness to you for the sake of Jonathan your father; and I will restore to you all the land of your father Saul, and you will eat food at my table continually.

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Message Two—Ministry Reading

Lodebar—The Place of No Grass

Verses for Pray-Reading:

2 Sam. 9:7 And David said to him, Do not be afraid, for I will surely show kindness to you for the sake of Jonathan your father; and I will restore to you all the land of your father Saul, and you will eat food at my table continually.

Titus 3:4 But when the kindness and the love to man of our Savior God appeared.

Ministry Reading:

DAVID SHOWING MEPHIBOSHETH KINDNESS (2 SAMUEL 9:1-13)

You may dream about how your future will be so beautiful and restful. But after a while, you will find that the promises of the world are all unusable currencies. Time after time, the world only brings you discouragement and disappointment. Time after time, the world puts you into a dream; everything is just a mirage and a dry place without grass. O brothers and sisters, a godless life is an unsatisfied life. A life outside of God can never be satisfying. Mephibosheth, who ran away from David, was living in a place without grass. A sinner far away from God is also living in a place without grass.

What did David do when he heard that Mephibosheth was living in a place without grass? Thank and praise the Lord! "Then king David sent, and fetched him out of the house of Machir, the son of Ammiel, from Lodebar"

(v. 5). Fetch in the original text is "bring." Romans 3:11 says, "There is none who seeks out God." Luke 19:10 says, "For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which is lost." Some people think that because we are so evil we should surely seek after God. Since we are so fallen, surely we should seek after God. But this is not how things work! If God had to wait for us to seek Him before He saved us, we would probably never be saved because we would never seek after Him. If Mephibosheth had had to seek after David, he would not have had any boldness to seek after him because his grandfather was David's enemy. He also did not have the ability to seek after David because he was lame. Mephibosheth did not seek after David, but David sent men to fetch Mephibosheth. We did not seek after God, but God sent His Son to seek us and bring us back to His presence. (*Collected Works of Watchman Nee, The* (Set 1) Vol. 18, pp. 281-282)

Discussion Questions:

1. Do you ever feel like you're living in "Lo-debar," a place without grass or pasture?
2. Of the three kinds of labor in the world mentioned in the outline, which do you experience the most? Share an example.
3. In what ways has God sought after you, even if you may not have sought after Him?

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Message Three

Eating at the King's Table

Scripture Reading: 2 Sam. 9:7-13; Matt. 22:4

- I. Spiritually speaking, we all are like Mephibosheth, the grandson of King Saul, who was crippled in his feet—2 Sam. 4:4:**
 - A. Mephibosheth's lame condition with crippled feet signifies our impotent condition before God—v. 4; 9:3; cf. John 5:5.
 - B. Though we may will to do good, the evil which we do not will, this we practice—Rom. 7:18-19.
 - C. Whenever we look at ourselves, we discover that we are lame, and become discouraged—we need to turn away from self-introspection and look away unto the Lord—Heb. 12:1-2.
- II. After Mephibosheth received grace from David, he looked only at the riches on David's table; he did not look at his crippled feet underneath the table:**
 - A. Like Mephibosheth, we can dine at the King's table even though we are still crippled—2 Sam. 9:13:
 1. Our two feet are lame, but they are under the table.
 2. After we have been saved, we should forget about our "crippled feet" and sit at the table of our King, Jesus Christ, to enjoy Him—v. 7; Rom. 14:17; Neh. 8:10.
 - B. We should look only at the riches on the Lord's table and enjoy them—Eph. 3:8.
 - C. What God has spread out for us is wonderful, rich, and sweet; we simply need to eat—John 6:50-51, 53-57.
 - D. When we look only at the riches and the grace that God has spread before us, we will be peaceful, and our hearts will be satisfied—Matt. 5:6; 14:20.

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Message Three—Verse Sheet

Eating at the King's Table

Scripture Reading:

2 Samuel 9:7-13

- 7 And David said to him, Do not be afraid, for I will surely show kindness to you for the sake of Jonathan your father; and I will restore to you all the land of your father Saul, and you will eat food at my table continually.
- 8 And he paid [him] homage and said, What is your servant that you should look upon a dead dog like me?
- 9 And the king called Ziba, Saul's attendant, and said to him, All that belongs to Saul and to all his house I give to your master's son.
- 10 And you shall work the land for him, you and your sons and your servants; and you shall bring in [the produce] that your master's son may have food to eat; and Mephibosheth, your master's son, will eat food continually at my table. Now Ziba had fifteen sons and twenty servants.
- 11 Then Ziba said to the king, According to all that my lord the king has commanded his servant, so will your servant do. And Mephibosheth, [said David,] shall eat at my table like one of the king's sons.
- 12 And Mephibosheth had a young son, whose name was Mica. And all who dwelt in the house of Ziba were servants to Mephibosheth.
- 13 And Mephibosheth dwelt in Jerusalem because he ate at the king's table continually. And he was crippled in both his feet.

Matthew 22:4

Again, he sent other slaves, saying, Tell those who have been called, Behold, I have prepared my dinner; my oxen and my fatted cattle have been slain, and all things are ready. Come to the wedding feast.

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Message Three—Ministry Reading

Eating at the King's Table

Verses for Pray-Reading:

2 Sam. 9:13 And Mephibosheth dwelt in Jerusalem because he ate at the king's table continually. And he was crippled in both his feet.

Ministry Reading:

The Two Feet Under the Table

Now someone may say, "That is right; we are saved by grace and not by works. God treats me in the same way that David treated Mephibosheth. But after I am saved, should not my behavior become better? Why do I still feel that I am sometimes high and sometimes low, at times good and at times bad?" In order to answer this question, please read 2 Samuel 9:13. We were saved by grace initially, and we are also kept in this salvation by grace. Many mistakenly have a concept that they were initially saved by grace but they are kept in this salvation by work. However, there is no such thing. We should realize that the condition for salvation is the condition for preservation. We are saved by Jesus, and we are kept by Jesus to the end. Although Mephibosheth dined with the king often, his two feet still remained lame. If one foot is lame, one can still jump. But if both feet are lame, it is not only inconvenient, but also ugly. We can dine at the king's table, and both feet can still be lame. The king would not allow a lame person to dine at his table on the first day and then drive him out after a few days because his feet were still lame. There is no such thing.

Our two feet are lame, but they are under the table. We should just eat what is on the table. Why do we put our two feet, which should be under the table, onto the table? We should just pay attention to what is on the table. What God has spread out here is wonderful, rich, and sweet. We just need to eat. We should not look at ourselves. Instead, we should look at the riches God has given us. Every time we look at ourselves, we will not have peace. Our eyes are for looking outside, not inside. Self-introspection is not our portion. If we keep our eyes upon the Lord, we will go from glory to glory and be transformed into His image. If we look at ourselves, we will be just like Mephibosheth with two feet lame. After we are saved, we receive a new life, and the Holy Spirit lives within us; we become entirely new. The self that comes from Adam never changes. How did a man as holy as St. Augustine feel when he was dying? He said, "Most of this world's seeds of sin are within my self." As long as we are still in this body, our two feet are still lame. We should not look at ourselves. We should only look at the riches and the grace that God has spread before us. When we do this, our hearts will be satisfied (*Collected Works of Watchman Nee, The (Set 1) Vol. 18, pp. 287-288*).

Discussion Questions:

1. Do you ever feel like your own living or condition does not match up to expectations of parents, serving ones, others in your life? Why do you feel this way?
2. What does it mean to be saved by grace and not "works" or "behavior"? Why should we care?
3. How can we learn not to "look at ourselves" but at the "king's table"?

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Message Four

Love is Kind

Scripture Reading: 1 Cor. 13:4; Eph. 4:31-32; Col. 3:12; Rom. 2:4

I. David's kindness to Mephibosheth signifies the kindness of God—2 Sam. 9:3; Rom. 2:4; Eph. 2:7; Titus 3:4-5:

- A. Kindness is a benevolent goodness that issues out of the mercy and love of God—Eph. 2:4, 7.
- B. It is the kindness and the love of our Savior God that saved us and made us different from others—Titus 3:4.
- C. In Titus 3:4 and 5 Paul speaks not of grace but of kindness, love, and mercy.
- D. Kindness is God's attitude in giving us grace—Eph. 2:7.

II. One item of the fruit of the Spirit is kindness—Gal. 5:22:

- A. As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, in a world of hurt and hatred, we need to put on inward parts of compassion and kindness—Col. 3:12; 1 John 3:14.
- B. The apostle Paul was a minister of God in kindness, and he charged us to continue in the kindness of God—2 Cor. 6:4, 6; Rom. 11:22.
- C. Love is kind (1 Cor. 13:4), and in the church life we need to be kind to one another, tender hearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ also forgave us (Eph. 4:31-32).
- D. Through being filled with the kindness of God, we can also lead our friends to repentance through His kindness—cf. Rom. 2:4.

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Message Four—Verse Sheet

Love is Kind

Scripture Reading:

1 Thessalonians 1:3

Remembering unceasingly your work of faith and labor of love and endurance of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, before our God and Father.

1 Corinthians 13:4

Love suffers long. Love is kind; it is not jealous. Love does not brag [and] is not puffed up.

Ephesians 4:31-32

31 Let all bitterness and anger and wrath and clamor and evil speaking be removed from you, with all malice.

32. And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ also forgave you.

Colossians 3:12

Put on therefore, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, inward parts of compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness, long-suffering.

Romans 2:4

Or do you despise the riches of His kindness and forbearance and long-suffering, not knowing that God's kindness is leading you to repentance?

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Message Four—Ministry Reading

Love is Kind

Verses for Pray-Reading:

Rom. 2:4 Or do you despise the riches of His kindness and forbearance and long-suffering, not knowing that God's kindness is leading you to repentance?

Ministry Reading:

DAVID SHOWING MEPHIBOSHETH KINDNESS (2 SAMUEL 9:1-13)

...Why do you want to go out?' However, I had to go. I could not bear to eat my father's hard-earned bread anymore. Eventually he said, 'My son, may God bless you! After today I will not see you again; but perhaps I will see you again in heaven!' He escorted me out of the house. We walked for half a mile, during which neither he nor I said a word. We walked like this for one mile. He was tired and could not go forward anymore and had to bid farewell. Until that day I did not know how hard it is to leave home! He had not walked back more than two steps when he turned back and called me. With tears in his eyes, he took out a half-dollar from his pocket and gave it to me, saying, 'This is for you.' I knew what this half-dollar meant. I knew all that my father had on earth was that half-dollar. I knew what was in that half-dollar. That was the first time in my life that I realized my father loved me! The weather was rainy and cold as I saw my father going home, but my heart was very warm. I was singing, 'My father loves me!' From that day on I was not a prodigal son. I decided that the first thing that I would do was reduce my father's burden. If I earned a dollar, I would mail it to him because he loved me. From that day forward, I became another person. This does not mean that before that time my father did not love me. But at the time of my destitution, I realized that he loved me. One day I heard Mr. Moody preach the following words: 'Everyone talks about the father's prodigal son, but today I want to talk

about the prodigal son's father.' When I heard that the Father was the same as my father, I believed and received the Lord Jesus as my Savior."

O brothers and sisters, I have known this God for at least eleven years. Although this is not very long, I know the kind of heart that He has. Do not suppose that you can do something to turn God's heart or please Him. He loves you and wants you to be saved. He does not need you to turn His heart. Many people say, "God does not tell me that He loves me." But please take a look at the cross, and you will know that He has already loved you. You should have received the punishment of the cross, but He made the Lord Jesus suffer it for you because He loves you. What is love? Love is not words. The deepest kind of love cannot be expressed in words.

...The prodigal son was prepared to say to his father, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants" (Luke 15:18-19). But when he was yet a great way off, his father had compassion and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him. A father's heart shortens the distance of sin. When his father kissed him, he knew his father's heart. His father did not say, "I love you," but as soon as he kissed him, the prodigal son knew his father's heart. He could not say the words, "Make me like one of your hired servants." He could only say in his heart, "My father loves me." Please do not misunderstand God's heart. Please come to the cross. Jesus has already died for you; this

should show you what is in God's heart already. When you see the blood of the Lord Jesus, you will know how much God loves you

(Collected Works of Watchman Nee, The (Set 1) Vol. 18, pp. 285-286).

Discussion Questions:

1. What is the point regarding the prodigal son's father?
2. Have you ever been in a situation where you feared punishment for something you did, but instead, received mercy?
3. In this age today, how can we show kindness to our friends?

Song 1

For we do not have a High Priest who cannot
Be touched with the feeling of our
weaknesses,
But One who has been tempted in all respects
like us,
Yet without sin, yet without sin.

Let us therefore come forward
With boldness to the throne of grace
That we may receive mercy and find grace
For timely help.

Song 2

1. There is a place of quiet rest,
Near to the heart of God,
A place where sin cannot molest,
Near to the heart of God.

O Jesus, blest Redeemer,
Sent from the heart of God,
Hold us, who wait before Thee,
Near to the heart of God.

2. There is a place of comfort sweet,
Near to the heart of God,
A place where we our Savior meet,
Near to the heart of God.
3. There is a place of full release,
Near to the heart of God,
A place where all is joy and peace,
Near to the heart of God.

Song 3

1. I've given up the world because
I've found something more:
He's better than anything
I've ever found before.
Yes, I have found the Living One,
Oh, how my spirit soars!
I called His name, I'm not the same,
I am for the Lord!

I'm for the Lord!
I'm loving Jesus!
I'm for the Lord!
I'm calling O Lord Jesus!

2. I've given up the world because
I've found something better:
I have found the Living One
And He breaks every fetter.
Yes, He's the One who set me free.
Oh, how my spirit soars!
I called His name, I'm not the same,
I am for the Lord!

3. And now I'm really happy,
Yes I'm fully satisfied.
I have found the Living One,
And He lives right inside
Of you and me, so come and see
Now our spirits soar!
We called His name, we're not the same,
We are for the Lord!

We're for the Lord!
We're loving Jesus!
We're for the Lord!
We're calling O Lord Jesus!

Song 4

1. As we're sharing of the cup,
How can we restrain our praise;
For the blood Thou shedd'st for us,
Worth of which none can appraise.
O how precious is Thy blood!
All our problems it resolves;
In Thine efficacious blood
All our care and fear dissolves.
2. It is by this blood of worth
The new testament was made;
For this better covenant,
'Tis a sure foundation laid.
We have been redeemed by God,
Not with silver or with gold,
But, Lord, with Thy precious blood,
Which Thy love doth e'er unfold.
3. For remission of our sins
Thou hast shed Thy cleansing blood.
Which for us has fully met
All the righteous claims of God.
Thou hast washed us from our sins
In Thy pow'rful purging blood;
And our conscience purged by it,
Thus to serve the living God.
4. By Thy separating blood,
We have all been sanctified;
'Tis by Thy preserving blood
Holiness is testified.
By Thy propitiating blood,
We have all been justified;
'Tis by Thy redeeming blood
God is fully satisfied.
5. Thru Thy blood shed on the cross,
We are reconciled to God,
That the way to contact Him
May in peace by us be trod.
By partaking of Thy blood,
We have Thine eternal life;
In Thy blood and life received,
We have rest, free from all strife.
6. Now, in heav'n Thy sprinkled blood
Speaks for us of better things;
Under its defending pow'r
We are kept from Satan's stings.
By Thine overcoming blood,
We defeat the enemy;
Over our accuser thus,
We will have the victory.
7. Of Thy blood, for fellowship,
We commune with all Thy saints;
Under its full covering,
Our freed spirit never faints.
How can we exhaust, in words,
The account of Thy dear blood;
We will need eternity
To declare its boundless good.

Song 5

1. Drink! A river pure and clear that's flowing
from the throne;
Eat! The tree of life with fruits abundant,
richly grown;
Look! No need of lamp nor sun nor moon
to keep it bright, for
Here there is no night!

Do come, oh, do come,
Says Spirit and the Bride:
Do come, oh, do come,
Let him that heareth, cry.
Do come, oh, do come,
Let him who thirsts and will
Take freely the water of life!

2. Christ, our river, Christ, our water,
springing from within;
Christ, our tree, and Christ, the fruits, to be
enjoyed therein,
Christ, our day, and Christ, our light, and
Christ, our morningstar:
Christ, our everything!
3. We are washing all our robes the tree of
life to eat;
"O Lord, Amen, Hallelujah!"—Jesus is so
sweet!
We our spirits exercise, and thus
experience Christ.
What a Christ have we!
4. Now we have a home so bright that
outshines the sun,
Where the brothers all unite and truly are
one.
Jesus gets us all together, Him we now
display
In the local church.

Song 6

1. Jesus, our wonderful Shepherd
Brought us right out of the fold
Into His pasture so plenteous,
Into His riches untold.

Glorious church life,
Feasting from such a rich store!
Here where we're dwelling in oneness
God commands life evermore.
2. In the divisions He sought us,
Weary and famished for food;
Into the good land He brought us,
Oh, to our spirit how good!
3. Jesus Himself is our pasture,
He is the food that we eat;
We as His sheep are fed richly
Each time, whenever we meet.
4. Dwell we here on a high mountain,
Wet with the morning-fresh dew,
Slaking our thirst at the fountain,
Water so living and new.
5. Christ is our rest and enjoyment,
Here we have nothing to fear;
Here all the sheep dwell securely,
Kept by His presence so dear.

Song 7

1. There's a gospel of today
That says believe and you'll be saved and
then
You can go to heaven and see the pearly
gates
And walk the golden streets;
Words like these fail to treat
All the vanity that is hidden in me.
2. But the gospel is to me
The Triune God within humanity
As the Spirit reaching me to be in me
The one reality;
Love untold—Gospel Thee
Never getting old—story told eternally.
3. Left the ninety-nine behind—
You searched until the lost sheep You did
find,
Laid me on Your shoulders there, You bore
me in
Your tender loving care;
Rejoicing—You found me
Though a small lost sheep—You gave all to
come find me.
4. Sweeping in my deepest parts,
You lit a lamp and searched my inward
heart,
Sanctifying deep within You shined in me,
Exposed me of my sin;
Repenting—now I see
Lord, You're sprinkling me—with the blood
You shed for me.
5. Eagerly awaiting me
That I the slightest turn to Thee would
make
Though my life had been a wreck, You ran
to me
And fell upon my neck
Kissing me, affectionately;
Killed the calf for me—"Let us eat and be
merry."

Song 8

1. Rescue the perishing,
Care for the dying,
Snatch them in pity from sin and the
grave;
Weep o'er the erring one,
Lift up the fallen,
Tell them of Jesus the mighty to save.

Rescue the perishing,
Care for the dying;
Jesus is merciful,
Jesus will save.
2. Though they are slighting Him,
Still He is waiting,
Waiting the penitent child to receive;
Plead with them earnestly,
Plead with them gently;
He will forgive if they only believe.
3. Down in the human heart,
Crushed by the tempter,
Feelings lie buried that grace can restore;
Touched by a loving heart,
Wakened by kindness,
Chords that are broken will vibrate once
more.
4. Rescue the perishing,
Duty demands it;
Strength for thy labor the Lord will
provide;
Back to the narrow way,
Patiently win them;
Tell the poor wand'rer a Savior has died

Song 9

1. I'm so happy here,
With my Father dear,
Once lost, now I'm near again!
(It was) First His smiling face,
Then His warm embrace,
I'm surprised by grace again!

I was lost, now I'm found again!
I was dead, but now I live!
Come rejoice with us, and be merry
then.

Back in my Father's house again!

2. Robe, ring, sandals on
And my hunger's gone!
Back where I belong, again!
(Because He) Clothed me thoroughly,
(And then He) Reinstated me!
(Now I'm) Back in the family again!

Song 10

1. Nothing's quite so precious
As Jesus in my spirit.
He takes away the care
And fills me with His peace.
He never leaves me,
E'en as the days grow weary.
His presence goes with me.
My soul delights to hide in His arms.

I call His name, "Lord Jesus,
Help me in my weakness."
So faithfully each day in me
He proves His life is so sufficient.

2. Nothing's quite so precious
As Jesus in my spirit.
He turns my heart to Him,
To feast upon His life.
It's nothing I do—
His mercy's just upon me.
And God's free gift of grace
Becomes an endless joy to me.

Song 11

1. To my Lord I will sing, for I've received
Endless mercy, love and grace in Jesus my
King.
Oh, what love!
Even though undeserved, He gave Himself
for me.
Now I open my heart, to offer praise to Thee;
There is an infinite gratitude
In all my heart
For all You've giv'n to me.
2. To fulfill all the law, He took my place;
He obeyed, e'en suffering, my sin to erase.
I'm redeemed!
Jesus has satisfied God's heart, and set me
free!
Now I open my heart, to offer praise to Thee.
There is an infinite gratitude
In all my heart
For all You've done for me.
3. Wondrous news You've revealed—now I can
see!
Oh, what grace! Your love divine is flowing in
me!
Oh! That gaze!
Eyes full of tenderness! Beholding face to
face,
Now I open my heart, to offer praise to Thee.
There is an infinite gratitude
In all my heart
For all You've shown to me.
4. Riven veil—living way thus He affords.
He arose, the work completed! Oh, praise the
Lord!
Oh! What peace!
Now I can boldly come into the holiest place!
Now I open my heart, to offer praise to Thee.
Your name is infinite plenitude!
Oh, Jesus Lord!
You're everything to me!

Song 12

1. Fill my spirit up,
Fill my spirit up,
Till it overflows
Right out
of my innermost being!
Fill my spirit up,
Fill my spirit up,
Till it overflows
Right out
of my innermost being!

Fill me today,
Fill me, I pray!
Oh, Lord Jesus,
Flow as the living water!
Oh, Lord Jesus,
Gush up as the living spring!
Right out of my innermost being.

2. Break through every part,
Break through every part
Of my mind, emotion,
will and heart!
Break through every part,
Break through every part
Of my mind, emotion,
will and heart!

Break through today,
Break through, I pray!
Oh, Lord Jesus,
Flow as the living water!
Oh, Lord Jesus,
Gush up as the living spring!
Right out of my innermost being.

3. Flow that river out,
Flow that river out
Whether I might call,
pray, sing or shout!
Flow that river out,
Flow that river out
Whether I might call,
pray, sing or shout!

Flow out today,
Flow out, I pray!
Oh, Lord Jesus,
Flow as the living water!
Oh, Lord Jesus,
Gush up as the living spring!
Right out of my innermost being.

Song 13

1. Draw me, Lord, with the bands
Of Your love, with cords of man,
Going forth in my being entire;
I'd in harmony stand
With Your goal, for Your plan
Through Your word, joined to Your
heart's desire.
2. Make me one who would pray
Mingled with God as my faith,
Always praying and not losing heart;
I'd persistently pray,
And through prayer be saved each day,
Not in self but in God
fully trusting.
3. Teach me, Lord, not to waste
But to number all my days,
Better one day with You than a thousand;
Keep me faithful, in grace
To express You all my days,
In all matters, for Your
propagation.
4. If I struggle within,
You must never let me win.
Lord, defeat me, and conquer me wholly;
Not a half consecration,
But absolutely giv'n,
Lord, I'll pay the full price
for You solely.

Song 14

1. God needs some young people,
To keep themselves from defilement;
Some who will stand against the current of
the age,
Who will declare, Lord, from today
We're going to flee youthful lusts and
pursue
righteousness, me and you,
Who call upon the Lord
From a pure heart.
Keep purifying our hearts,
Enlightening every part,
Oh Lord 'til the church is all we see!
2. God needs some young people,
To keep themselves from defilement;
Some who will stand against the current of
the age,
Who will declare, Lord, from today
We're going to flee youthful lusts and
pursue
righteousness with the view—
The building of the church.
Not wasting time,
Pressing on toward the goal,
Occupied with the prize,
Oh Lord, we've been wrecked, we'll build
Your church!

Song 15

1. In this godless age
Lord, You need some Samuels
Burdened with a vision clear of Your
economy
Where's Your ark today?
And the ones who'd care for You,
E'en to put themselves aside to gain Your
heart's desire?

Raise up some to meet Your need,
some Nazarites,
Prophets, priests, and judges, and
men of prayer,
Speaking forth Your word, with Your
authority,
A photo of Your heart for Your move.
2. Train us up today,
Full of vision, seeking You,
We'd await Your timing, fully subject to
Your will,
Treasuring Your face,
Staying in Your presence, Lord;
E'en the very index of Your eyes would we
obey.

Raise up some to meet Your need,
some Nazarites,
To bring in Your kingdom on earth
today,
Taking You as King that You may
return
To usher in the end of the age.

Song 16

1. Thy mighty love, O God, constraineth me,
As some strong tide it presseth on its way,
Seeking a channel in my self-bound soul,
Yearning to sweep all barriers away.
2. Shall I not yield to that constraining
power?
Shall I not say, O tide of love, flow in?
My God, Thy gentleness hath conquered
me,
Life cannot be as it hath hither been.
3. Break through my nature, mighty,
heavenly love,
Clear every avenue of thought and brain,
Flood my affections, purify my will,
Let nothing but Thine own pure life
remain.
4. Thus wholly mastered and possessed by
God,
Forth from my life, spontaneous and free,
Shall flow a stream of tenderness and
grace,
Loving, because God loved, eternally.

Song 17

1. The Lord has given freedom
To all who just believe Him.
Be no longer enslaved.
Come now! Return to Jesus.
Receive the Life that frees us!
Call on Him and be saved.

This is the year of jubilee!
Proclaim our liberty in Him!
Throughout the land we sound out:
The slaves have been returned to Him,
Released from toil, anxiety, and sin!
This is the year of jubilee!
2. Reclaim the land, our portion,
God as our rich possession.
Feast on Him ev'ry day!
Enjoy Him with God's fam'ly;
Find satisfaction and peace.
Here forever to stay!

Song 18

1. Some, these days, would tell us that our
Jesus is not food,
That we only need to know about Him and
do good,
But we're glad to tell you brothers, it's just
not that way—
Jesus is the bread of life; we eat Him every
day.

We love the church life, eating,
drinking, breathing Jesus.
We love the church life, taking
in God's Word.
We love to hear those "O Lord,
Amen, Hallelujahs!"
We love the church life, feasting
with the Lord.
2. When He fills our inward parts, we're
never quite the same,
So much richness we can taste by calling
on His name.
"Services" but once a week for us will never
do.
Every day we need the fellowship to take
us through.
3. If these latter days and situations of the
world
Make you feel that round a vicious circle
you are swirled,
Then please listen closely to the things we
have to say;
It may be that you will find with us a better
way.

Song 19

1. God has called us for His purpose,
His economy so glorious,
For which He was fully processed;
Consummated now is He!
As the Spirit, He indwells us;
As our God allotted portion,
Working out His full salvation,
Making us the same as He is.

Oh, may a clear, controlling vision of
The Lord's economy direct my heart,
And burn in me until my spirit's
wholly set afire!
With spirit strong and active we'll
press on
To consummate God's goal—
New Jerusalem, Hallelujah!

2. Jesus lived the God-man pattern,
Set the way for us to follow,
He denied His natural man and
Was obedient unto death,
Once He was the only God-man;
Now we are His duplication.
As the many grains we're blended
As His corporate reproduction.
3. Living out His resurrection,
Dying to the flesh and soul-life.
Living by the mingled spirit,
Natural man we will deny.
Now we're living in the Body,
Every day we're overcoming,
Striving for the peak of Zion,
Watching for our Lord's appearing.
4. God and man will have one living,
Always in the mingled spirit;
We two are incorporated
One organic entity!
This the vision of the ages
Will control our daily living
That the Lord may have His Body
Shining as the holy city.

Song 20

1. Dearest Lord, You've called us here,
And opened up Your heart.
O the joy to hear Your call
And enter in the Ark.
Saving us from day to day
O Lord, this is Your way.
In Yourself we stay afloat,
Above this wicked age today.

Thank You Lord, in Your eyes we find
grace,
And with open hearts we come to You.
Regardless what our friends might say
to us or do,
O Lord Jesus, we love You.

2. Seeking of this age to taste,
And of it have a part.
If we only knew, dear Lord,
The ways we grieve Your heart.
We would come and turn to You
With a repenting heart,
And would give ourselves to be
With you, O Lord, inside the Ark.
3. Praise You Lord, we're safe in You;
Outside death-waters pour.
Many things that I once loved
Are on the ocean floor.
Keep us open to You Lord,
Don't let us miss the mark.
Hallelujah, praise the Lord,
We're here within the church, the Ark.

Song 21

1. From the time I spoke Your name,
Lord, my life's not been the same
Since I called on the only One who'd save
me.
When forsaken, in despair—
Who'd have thought that You'd be there!
Now I've found out, Jesus, You're alive!

Now my eyes begin to see
I'm living as I ought to be,
As this turning, burning God
moves in my heart...
I don't care now how I feel;
I just know that this is real,
And I know, oh Jesus, You're alive!

2. All my friends might think it's square—
Since I touched You, I don't care—
For I've found You're the only life worth
living.
Though some mock and criticize,
Lord, they just don't realize
That I've found out, Jesus, You're alive!
3. It's no statue that I call,
Not a picture on the wall,
But a person who lives His life within me.
Wish they'd told me long before,
All You want's an open door
And that really, Jesus, You're alive!

Song 22

1. Christ has come to be life, the processed
divine Trinity.
God the Father's the source, a fountain
emerging to be.
God the Son as a gushing up spring,
And the Spirit's a river for life imparting
Oh how can this miracle be? The Triune
God flowing in me!
Oh, I've got rivers of life flowing out of my
innermost being!
I've got rivers of life flowing out of my
innermost being!

As this life flows through me, I'm
supplied abundantly.
His life nullifies sin! Power springs
now from within!
To be free, overcoming spontaneously.

2. Yet this life though it frees, is not meant
for mere victory.
God is full of intent and never could flow
aimlessly.
So this life has a totality, a consummate
issue encompassing me.
Life moves and life grows, life shapes as it
flows
Now I share in this life's destiny.
Oh, I've got rivers of life flowing out of my
innermost being!
I've got rivers of life flowing out of my
innermost being!

We'll abide mutually, God and man
revealed to be
Lamb, Wife, Spirit, and Bride.
Come! Drink! And riverside,
Grows the tree, our enjoyment for
eternity!

3. So I've no cause to frown as one who's
received this zoe.
I know life runs its course and triumphs
inevitably.
I'm required just to stay in the flow,
If I do the drinking then God gives the
growth.
So there's joy in my heart, and a spring in
my step,
And a smile on my face as I sing,
Oh, I've got rivers of life flowing out of my
innermost being!
I've got rivers of life flowing out of my
innermost being!

Song 23

1. Once by nature we were dead in sin,
In a world of utter discord;
But together God has quickened us,
Raised us up to sit together with the Lord.

Jesus is getting us together,
Come and see the saints in one accord.
His love is knitting us together,
To the stature of the fullness of the Lord.

2. Thus with all saints we can apprehend
All the vast dimensions of God.
Knowing Christ's love passes all we know,
We're together filled to fullness with our God.
3. Now we know the purpose of our God,
Visible the mystery became:
Christ, the church, together now we see,
And together put the enemy to shame.
4. For this cause we pray the Father God—
Strengthen Thou with might our inner man;
Make Yourself at home in all our hearts,
Root us, ground us in Your love and for Your plan.
5. In the Body we'll be fitly framed
As the many members Christ supply;
Working in the measure of each part,
All by growth in love the Body edify.
6. Now we're one His purpose to fulfill,
As the one new man of His plan.
Unto Him be glory in the church,
And in Jesus Christ forevermore—Amen!

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA YOUNG PEOPLE'S BLENDING CONFERENCE

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

THURSDAY

8:00 pm — 9:00 pm Parents & Serving Ones' Time (online)

FRIDAY

7:00 pm — 7:30 pm Registration and singing

7:30 pm — 8:30 pm Session One

8:30 pm — 9:00 pm Group Time

SATURDAY

9:45 am — 11:00 am Session Two

11:00 am — 11:30 am Group Time

12:00pm — 3:00 pm Picnic at Boisseranc Park
(7520 Dale St, Buena Park, CA 90620)

7:00 pm — 8:30 pm Session Three

8:30 pm — 9:00 pm Group Time

LORD'S DAY

8:30 am — 9:15 am Parents & Serving Ones' Time (online)

9:45 am — 11:00 am Session Four

11:00 am — 11:30 am Group Time

ONLINE

Parents & Serving Ones Times

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