



"The People In Our Lives"

Cypress Bible Notes

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The People Who Need Us

2 Samuel 9:1-13

Listen! I could make a list of 140 times in my life when someone stepped in, with terrific kindness, and met a need that I was absolutely unable to meet.

Question: If everyone in the world made such a list—would Dave Gibson be on any of those lists?

An Overview of Need-Meeting:

#1 The kindness of God existed in David before he ever knew Mephibosheth. (vv 1, 3)

#2 Mephibosheth had need. (vv 3, 13)

#3 Mephibosheth had no merit to draw kindness and no way to repay kindness. (v 8)

#4 David acted in the kindness of God to meet needs. (vv 7, 9-13)

Core Idea: God's kindness to us...so that we would show kindness by meeting needs.

An Instance:

"So what?" for us:

"So what?" #1: At CBC we have a terrific need-meeting opportunity through HOSTing a small group in your home for 6 weeks—October 14-November 18.

"So what?" #2: On the back of this outline "There must be 50 ways to help your brother!" (With full apologies to Paul Simon!)

So What? “There must be 50 ways to help your brother!!” You could:

1. ...help someone move.
2. ...buy some groceries.
3. ...fix a broken door.
4. ...give a ride to the doctor.
5. ...take a child to the Astros.
6. ...read a book to a blind student.
7. ...volunteer at Care Net Pregnancy Center.
8. ...work with Habitat for Humanity in Houston.
9. ...work with Casas Por Christo in Juarez.
10. ...mow a lawn.
11. ...repair a car.
12. ...pay a utility bill.
13. ...buy a tank of gas.
14. ...prepare and deliver a meal.
15. ...baby sit a child.
16. ...review a tax return.
17. ...help someone change a tire.
18. ...give away some clothing or shoes or dishes or furniture.
19. ...buy school supplies for kids who cannot afford them.
20. ...support a child through Compassion International.
21. ...support Christian relief efforts through Samaritans Purse.
22. ...build a desk for a child.
23. ...mail a care package to a soldier.
24. ...visit and comfort a soldier in the hospital as he or she recovers from injuries.
25. ...visit and listen to folks at the local nursing facilities.
26. ...visit and teach folks in the Texas State Prison system.
27. ...visit and pray with someone who has suffered a loss.
28. ...sponsor a child to go to Bible camp.
29. ...sponsor a family to go to family camp.
30. ...invite a single parent family on a vacation—and cover the costs.
31. ...take a student to supper—and buy.
32. ...find a specialist for someone needing medical attention.
33. ...buy a new couch for a teacher’s lounge.
34. ...repair a broken window in a widow’s home.
35. ...volunteer at the Boy’s and Girl’s Country Home.
36. ...write a letter to a soldier.
37. ...pay for a funeral.
38. ...give away a car.
39. ...pay for a dental filling.
40. ...run an errand.
41. ...install a ramp for a wheelchair.
42. ...write a letter of encouragement.
43. ...invite a person hanging around the fringes into relationship and fellowship.
44. ...substitute teach for someone.
45. ...befriend a lonely person.
46. ...cut down and haul off a broken tree.
47. ...give a gift card and some coupons to someone in need.
48. ...paint a room.
49. ...give an anonymous “just to brighten your day” gift to someone.
50. ...I will _____ by _____.

Walking Papers

Practical Helps for Walking With God

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Please take time this week to work on the life change applications from today's passage:

- **Today:** What are the top 11 things that God has done to show kindness to you and meet your needs that you could not meet yourself? What are the top 11 things that others have done to show kindness to you and meet needs that you could not meet yourself?
- **Monday:** What wrong motives have you seen in yourself regarding meeting the needs of others?
- **Tuesday:** What are your thoughts about: "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them."? Eph 2:10
- **Wednesday:** How do you think we can cultivate kindness inside ourselves?
- **Thursday:** What are the realities of life and relationships that make it hard to meet the needs of other people?
- **Friday:** Make a list of the genuine needs in the lives of people around you. Make a list of the wants in the lives of the people around you.
- **Saturday:** What one act of kindness will you do this week to meet a genuine need for someone? _____

"Freely, freely you have received, freely give."

Jesus