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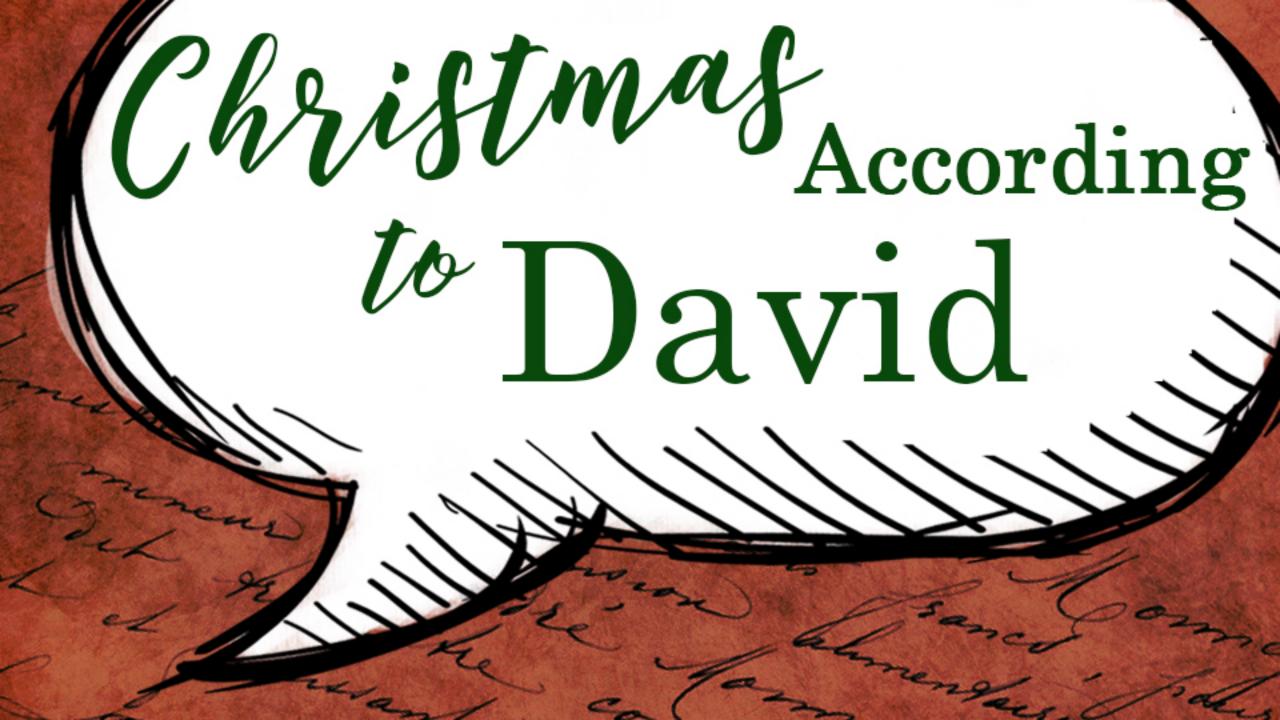
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Relationally Everything Changes

"The fact of the incarnation, that Jesus came and lived among us is a stupendous, stranger-than-fiction truth that our faith is based upon. But what does this mean? Why does it matter? What difference does it make in our personal and relational lives?"

S. Seamands



Today:

Receiving Giving

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Receiving Grace – Giving !

Today:

Receiving Grace – Giving Grace!

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16

Jesus-

"Freely you have received; freely give." Matt. 10:8



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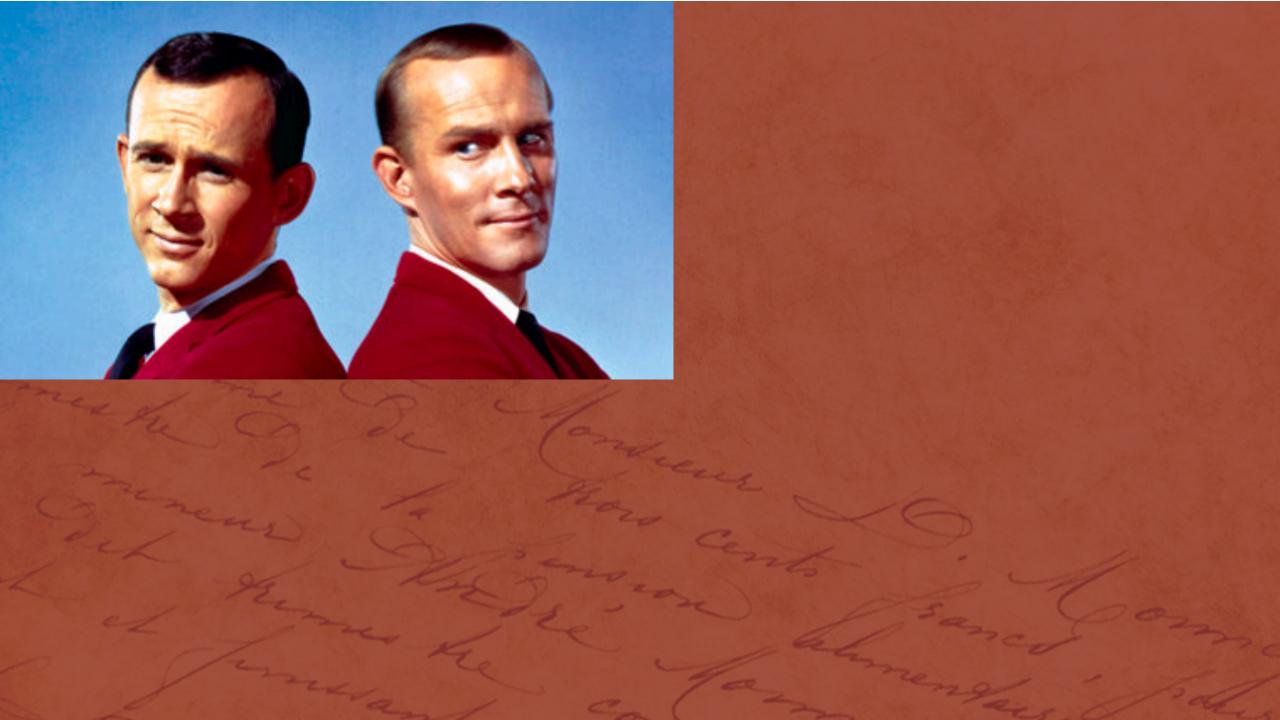
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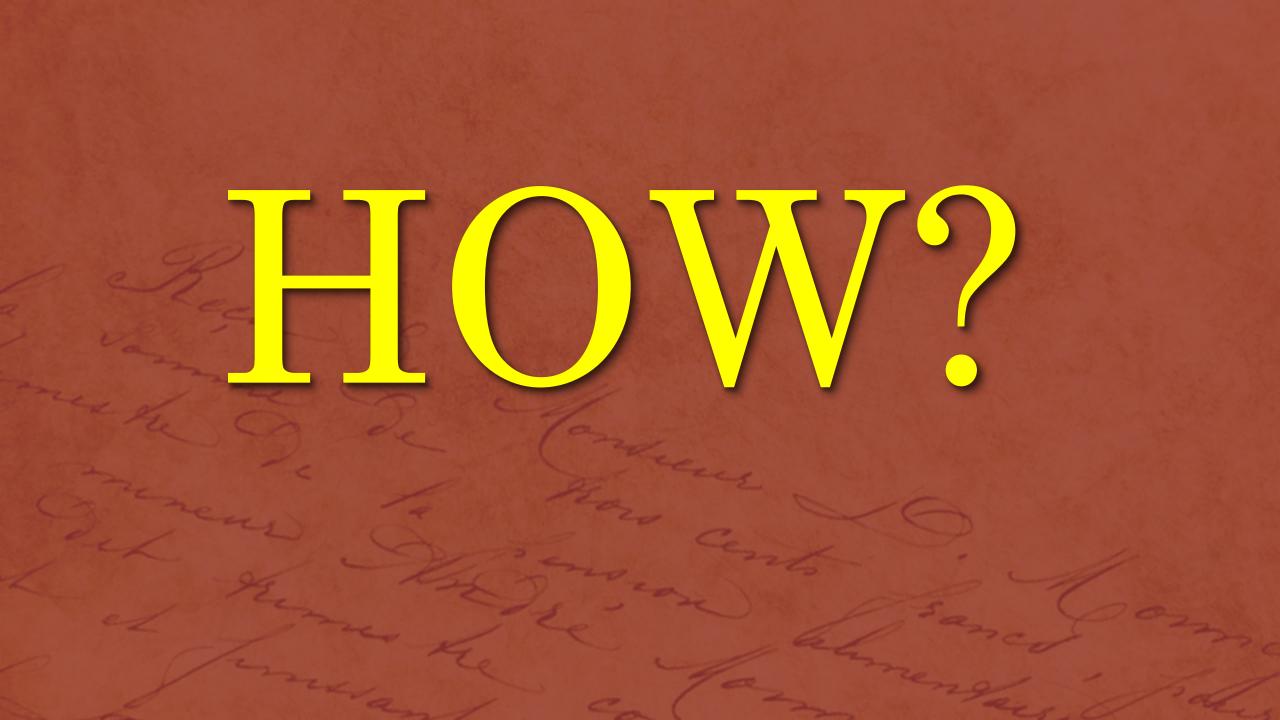
We're better when we who have received grace give grace!









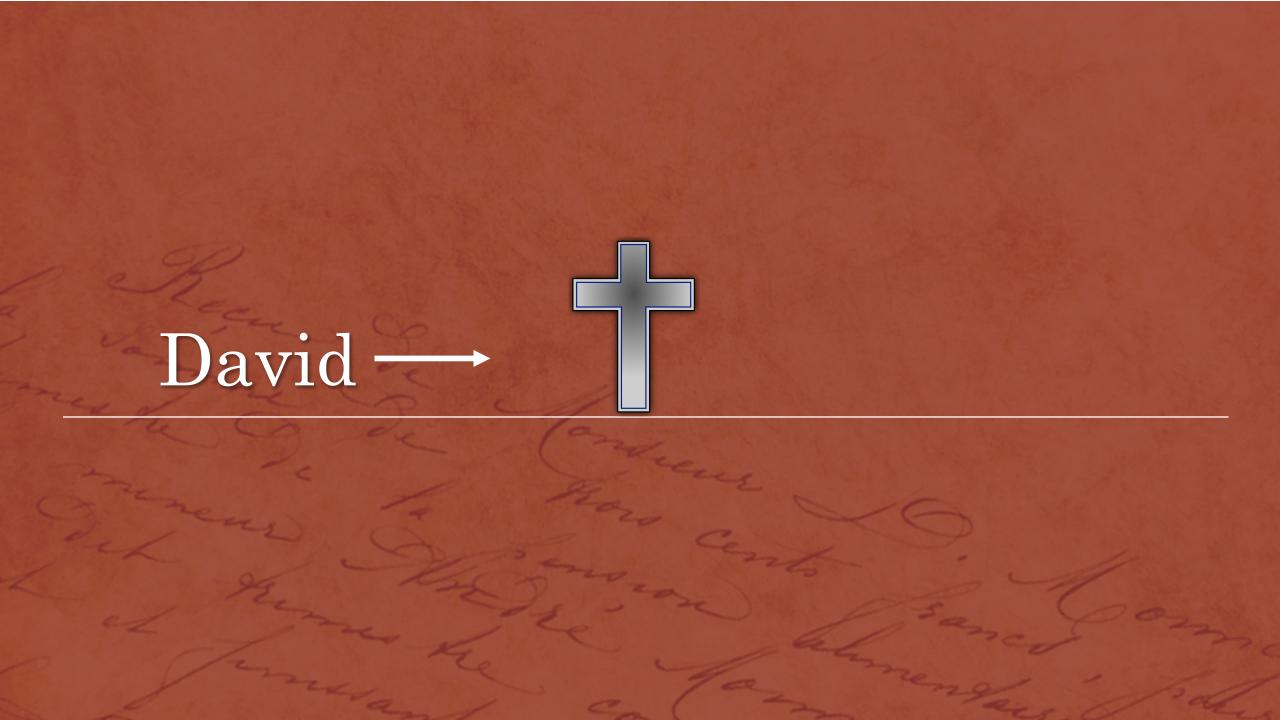


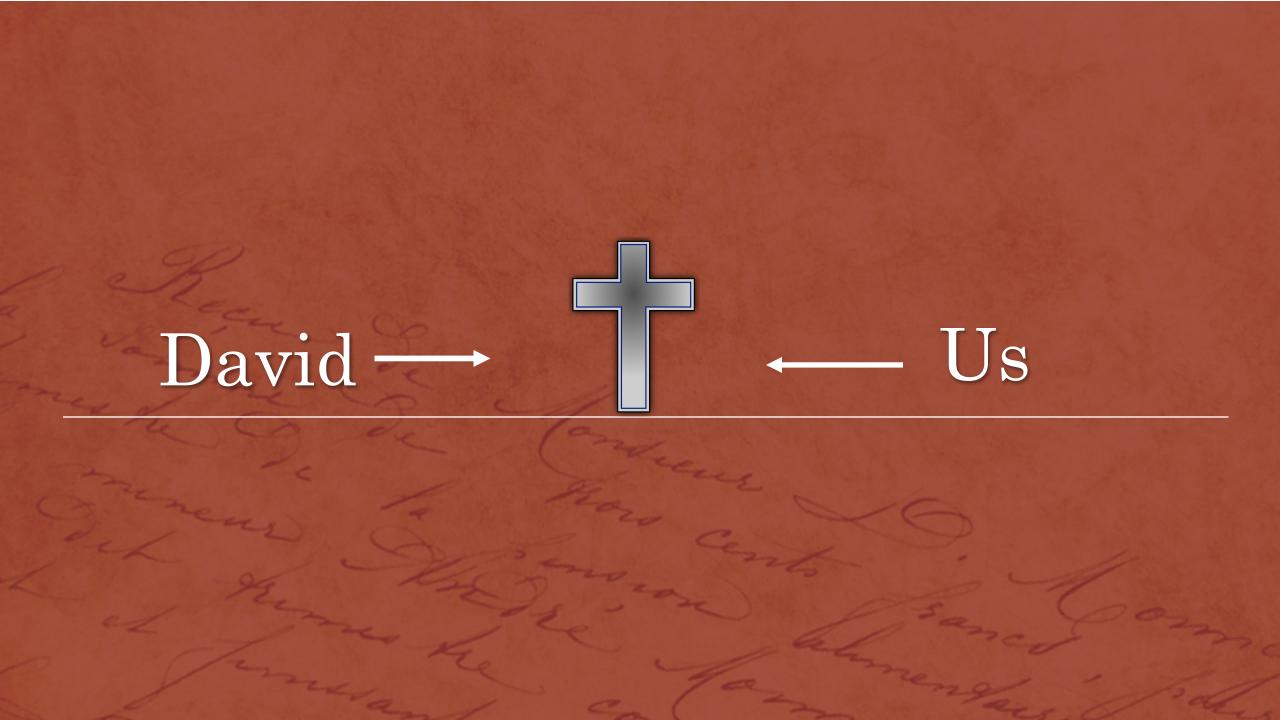
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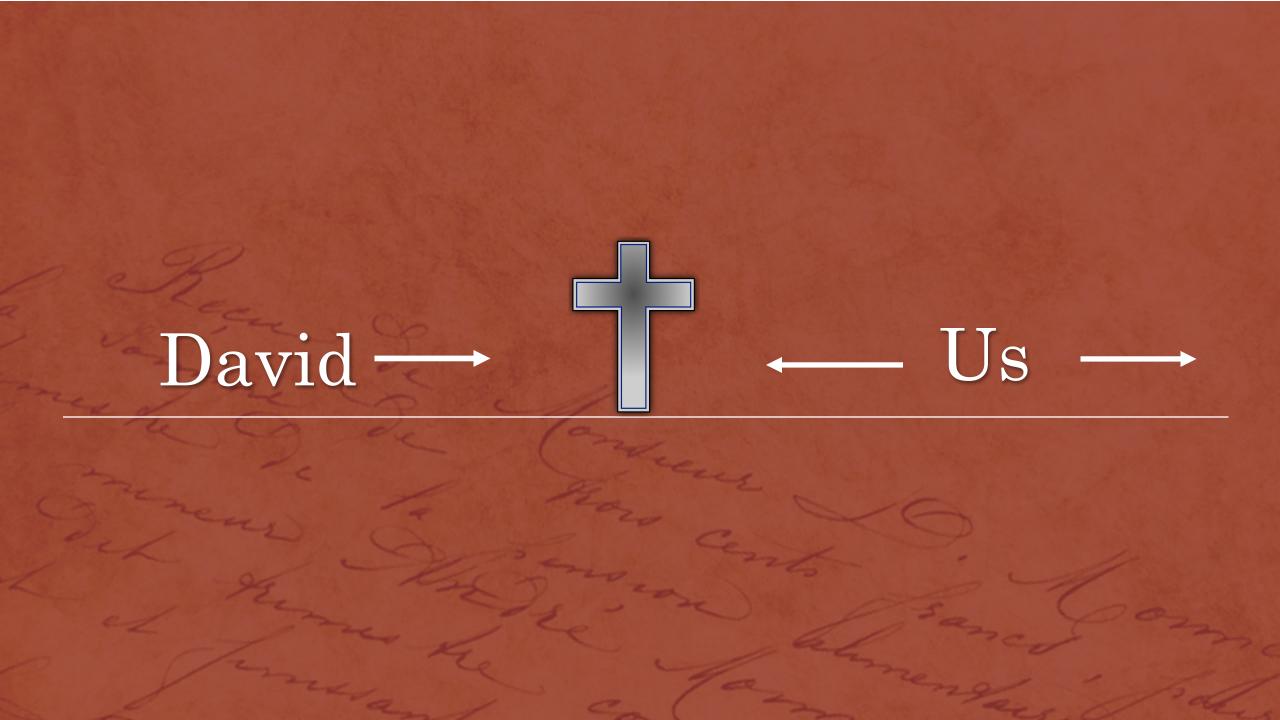
David:

"Who am I, O Sovereign LORD, and what is my family, that you have brought me this far?" 2 Sam. 7:18









Mephibosheth:

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"Chesed is love without regard to shifting circumstances, hormones, emotional state, and personal convenience. This is the kind of love with which 'God so loved the world'..."

Eugene Peterson

Our forefather Adam, like Mephibosheth, once knew close relationship with a King.

When disaster entered our story, it left us crippled.

Fear grips our heart when we are first pursued by a King.

The King shows *Chesed* based on covenant, not personal worth.

The King takes us from a barren place to a place of restored son-like fellowship with him.

Like Mephibosheth we live live with a constant reminder of our need of grace.

Like David and Mephibosheth we know the goodness of our God by grace and grace alone.

We will never exhaust our King's heart full of *Chesed*.

The Challenge:

Will you receive Grace?

Will you show Grace?

Jesus-

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