

A person wearing a hooded robe is sitting on the ground in a field of tall grass. They are holding a long, thin staff or pole. A small white dog is sitting next to them. The background is a bright sunset or sunrise, with the sun low on the horizon, creating a warm, golden glow. There are trees in the background, some with autumn-colored leaves. The overall scene is peaceful and contemplative.

A Heart Like God's

Part 26 Loving God's House like He does.

John 2:19-21

19 Jesus answered them, “*Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.*”

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David built a temple for
God out of His love for
Him. His descendants made
it a house of idols by
forgetting whom it was
built for.

20 The Jews then said, “It took forty-six years to build this temple, and will You raise it up in three days?”

21 But *He was speaking of the temple
of His body.*

When the Church becomes
more about the buildings,
programs and religious
structure than the people for
whom it is being built, we have
fallen into the same trap as
Israel.

His Temple is for Housing His
Body — giving Him a place in
the earth to rule from.

This Temple is made of living
stones.

Matthew 16:18

18 “I also say to you that you are
Peter, and upon *this rock*
I will build My church; and the gates
of Hades will not overpower it.

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The most important
building project in
history is the building up
of the church.

The church is built when
the members of the
body are being built up
together...

...including those members
who are broken
separated
discouraged
even prodigal

2 Samuel 9:1-10

1 Then David said, “Is there yet anyone left of the house of Saul, that I may show him kindness for Jonathan’s sake?”

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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 The king said, “Is there not yet anyone of the house of Saul to whom I may show the kindness of God?”

And Ziba said to the king, “There is still a son of Jonathan who is crippled in both feet.”

4 So the king said to him, “Where is he?” And Ziba said to the king, “Behold, he is in the house of Machir the son of Ammiel in Lo-debar.”

**5 Then King David sent and brought
him from the house of Machir the son
of Ammiel, from Lo-debar.**

6 Mephibosheth, the son of Jonathan the son of Saul, came to David and fell on his face and prostrated himself. And David said, “Mephibosheth.” And he said, “Here is your servant!”

7 David said to him, “Do not fear, for I will surely show kindness to you for the sake of your father Jonathan,

**and will restore to you all the land of
your grandfather Saul; and you shall
eat at my table regularly.”**

8 Again he prostrated himself and said, “What is your servant, that you should regard a dead dog like me?”

9 Then the king called Saul's servant Ziba and said to him, "All that belonged to Saul and to all his house I have given to your master's grandson."

10 “You and your sons and your servants shall cultivate the land for him, and you shall bring in *the produce* so that your master’s grandson may have food;

**nevertheless Mephibosheth your
master's grandson shall eat at my
table regularly.” Now Ziba had fifteen
sons and twenty servants.**

There ought to be a
continual sense of awe
among us that we get to
sit at the Lord's Table.
None of us deserve to be
there.

Matthew 25:35–36

35 ‘For **I** was hungry, and you gave
Me something to eat; **I** was thirsty,
and you gave **Me something** to drink;
I was a stranger, and you invited **Me**
in;

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36 naked, and you clothed **Me**; I was
sick, and you visited **Me**; I was in
prison, and you came to **Me**.’

Compassion is not an issue
of passion,
it is an issue of obedience.
We are all called to preach
to every living creature.

When it comes to the mercy
of God, How someone got
into the pit in which we find
them is irrelevant. He found
all of us in one pit or
another.

The Father is an
indiscriminate Sower of seed.
He does not scatter His seed
only upon the good soil.

And it's not because He is
not a wise farmer.

Luke 14:12-14

12 And He also went on to say to the one who had invited Him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors,

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**otherwise they may also invite you in
return and *that* will be your
repayment.**

13 “But when you give a reception,
invite *the* poor, *the* crippled, *the*
lame, *the* blind,

14 and you will be blessed, since
they do not have *the means* to repay
you; for you will be repaid at the
resurrection of the righteous.”

Who will you invite to
your table that
presently has nothing to
offer you in return?