



new life fellowship

**Sermon Title: The Fruit of Love**  
**Guest Speaker: AJ Sherill, Lead Pastor, Mars Hill Bible Church**  
**Scripture: 2 Samuel 9:3-9**

The king asked, "Is there no one still alive from 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 lame in both feet."

4 "Where is he?" the king asked. Ziba answered, "He is at the house of Makirson 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!" "At your service," 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 steward, 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."

*2 Samuel 9:3-9*

**Sermon Outline:**

- I. The soil of your life is one of God's field.
- II. If we receive God's love, we can reflect the fruit of the spirits.
- III. Kindness is not a cultural norm
- IV. Kindness is a supernatural manifestation of God's love
- V. David rejects the cultural script of his time. He shows kindness to Jonathan's son.
- VI. Niceness is not kindness. Niceness is superficial.
- VII. Kindness is proactive.
- VIII. Often, we live reactionary lives not allowing the Spirit to move in us.
- IX. God's kindness is intended to lead you to repentance.
- X. The opposite of kindness is bitterness.

**Sermon Summary:**

This Sunday Guest Speaker AJ Sherill, from Mars Hill Bible Church, offers our fifth sermon on the Fruit of the Spirit series based on kindness.

**Sermon Questions:**

- I. What words or phrases from this scripture passage resonated in you as you read them? Why?
  - In your family of origin, were you taught to be kind or to fight for yourself because no one else would?
  - Who in your life do you show niceness to but not kindness? What parameters do you set for people to receive your kindness?
  - What situation or person today do you feel bitterness toward? What does this say about you? How can your life, rooted in Christ's love, transform this relationship?
  - When we are leaning towards anger and bitterness, we are called to: **STOP - Slow Down, Trigger Notice, Open Up, Presence**. Think through this past week and what is a situation that triggered you and moved you away from kindness?