**House On The Rock Life Group Study outline 2022** 

May: Divine Design

Week 3 – Celebrating Grace by design

Introduction

Our most genuine expressions of faith and gratitude come from a place of a met need, either ours or that of someone close to us. When we look at some of the psalms, we learn something: gratitude is intentional and by design. The psalmist says "give thanks to the Lord", but usually doesn't stop there. It is often followed by "for He is good, and His love endures forever"! The power of gratitude is in knowing exactly what you are grateful for, why you are grateful for it, and continuing to remind yourself so you do not forget. In celebrating God's divine design and its operation in our lives, we want to take time today to see it at work through grace. We will explore examples of God's grace at work in scripture and our own lives.

Pilot text

<u>2 Sam 9:3,7</u> [NKJV] 3Then the king said, "Is there not still someone 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 lame in his feet."

7 So David said to him, "Do not fear, for I will surely show you kindness for Jonathan your father's sake, and will restore to you all the land of Saul your grandfather; and you shall eat bread at my table continually."

- Consider the story of Mephibosheth in 2 Sam 9.
  - Where do you see God's design at work in this story?
  - Where do we see grace exemplified?
  - Where do we see saving grace and enabling grace in this story?
  - What else have you learned from this story?
- Kindly share your own experience of divine design. Where have you seen God's divine design at work through grace in your own life or that of someone close to you?

Take home actions

• For the remainder of this month, make sure to thank God for His divine design at work in your life every day as you pray