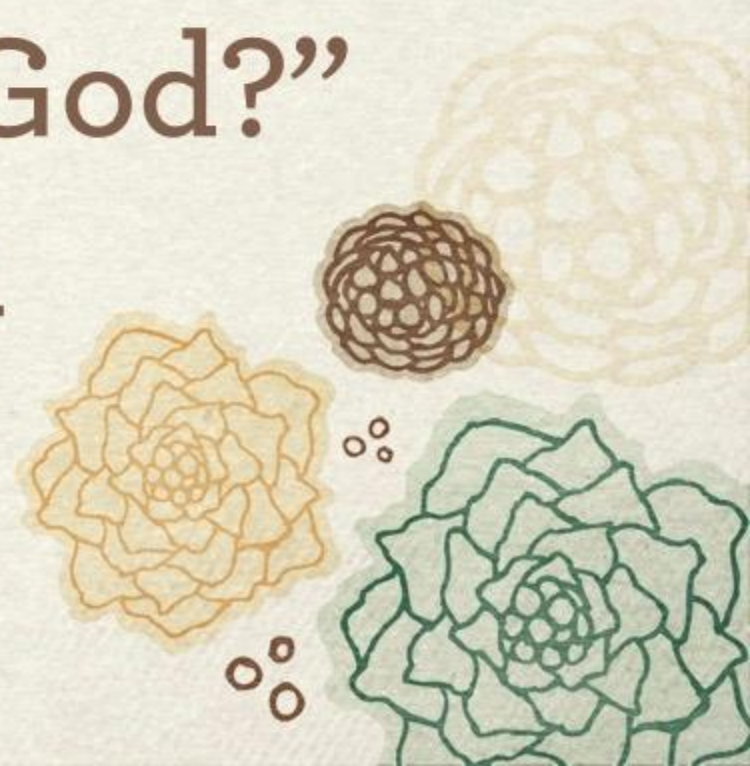
The page features decorative floral patterns in the corners. In the top-left and bottom-right corners, there are clusters of flowers in orange, green, and brown. In the bottom-left and top-right corners, there are larger, fainter floral patterns in a light beige color. The text is centered on the page.

• the
kindness
of GOD

2 SAMUEL 9:1-13

2 Samuel 9:1 Now David said, “Is there still anyone who is left of the house of Saul, that I may show him kindness for Jonathan’s sake?”² And there was a servant of the house of Saul whose name was Ziba. So when they had called him to David, the king said to him, “Are you Ziba?” He said, “At your service!”³ Then 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.”



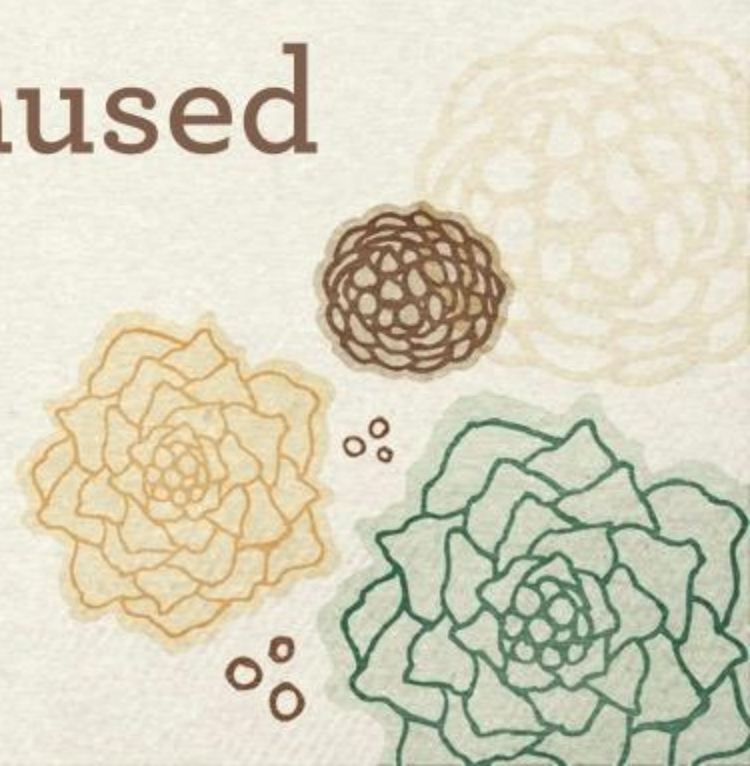
1 Samuel 18:3 Then Jonathan and David made a covenant, because he loved him as his own soul.⁴ And Jonathan took off the robe that was on him and gave it to David, with his armor, even to his sword and his bow and his belt.



1 Samuel 20:8 “Therefore you shall deal kindly with your servant, for you have brought your servant into a covenant of the LORD with you. Nevertheless, if there is iniquity in me, kill me yourself, for why should you bring me to your father?”

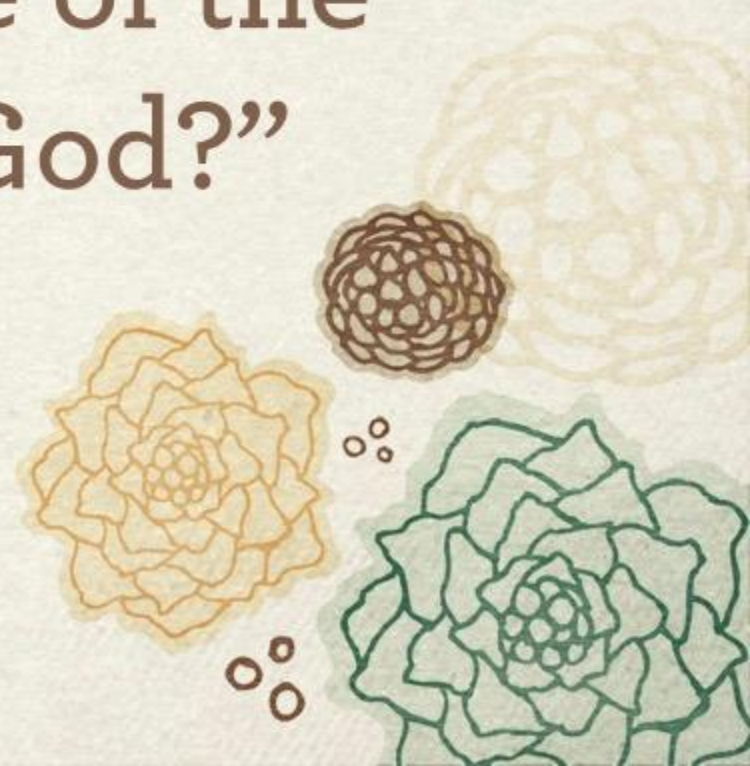


1 Samuel 20:14 “And you shall not only show me the kindness of the LORD while I still live, that I may not die;¹⁵ but you shall not cut off your kindness from my house forever, no, not when the LORD has cut off every one of the enemies of David from the face of the earth.”¹⁶ So Jonathan made a covenant with the house of David, saying, “Let the LORD require it at the hand of David’s enemies.”¹⁷ Now Jonathan again caused David to vow, because he loved him; for he loved him as he loved his own soul.



THE KING'S INQUIRY

2 Samuel 9:1 Now David said, “Is there still anyone who is left of the house of Saul, that I may show him kindness for Jonathan’s sake?”² And there was a servant of the house of Saul whose name was Ziba. So when they had called him to David, the king said to him, “Are you Ziba?” He said, “At your service!”³ Then 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.”



THE KING'S INQUIRY

2 Samuel 9:4 So the king said to him, “Where is he?” And Ziba said to the king, “Indeed he is in the house of Machir the son of Ammiel, in Lo Debar.”



THE KING'S INITIATIVE

2 Samuel 9:5 Then King David sent and brought him out of the house of Machir the son of Ammiel, from Lo Debar.⁶ Now when Mephibosheth the son of Jonathan, the son of Saul, had come to David, he fell on his face and prostrated himself. Then David said, “Mephibosheth?” And he answered, “Here is your servant!”



THE KING'S INSTRUCTION

2 Samuel 9:7 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.”



THE KING'S INSTRUCTION

2 Samuel 7:8b “I took you from the sheepfold, from following the sheep, to be ruler over My people, over Israel.”



THE KING'S INSTRUCTION

2 Samuel 7:18 Then King David went in and sat before the LORD; and he said: “Who am I, O Lord GOD? And what is my house, that You have brought me this far?”



THE KING'S INSTRUCTION

2 Samuel 9:8 Then he bowed himself, and said, “What is your servant, that you should look upon such a dead dog as I?”



THE KING'S INSTRUCTION

2 Samuel 9:9 And the king called to Ziba, Saul's servant, and said to him, "I have given to your master's son all that belonged to Saul and to all his house.¹⁰ You therefore, and your sons and your servants, shall work the land for him, and you shall bring in the harvest, that your master's son may have food to eat. But Mephibosheth your master's son shall eat bread at my table always." Now Ziba had fifteen sons and twenty servants.



THE KING'S INSTRUCTION

2 Samuel 9:11 Then Ziba said to the king, “According to all that my lord the king has commanded his servant, so will your servant do.” “As for Mephibosheth,” said the king, “he shall eat at my table like one of the king’s sons.”

¹²Mephibosheth had a young son whose name was Micha. And all who dwelt in the house of Ziba were servants of Mephibosheth. ¹³So Mephibosheth dwelt in Jerusalem, for he ate continually at the king’s table. And he was lame in both his feet.



Romans 5:8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.



Ephesians 2:4 But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us,⁵ even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),



Ephesians 2:6 and raised us up together,
and made us sit together in the heavenly
places in Christ Jesus,⁷ that in the ages to
come He might show the exceeding riches
of His grace in His kindness toward us in
Christ Jesus.



Ephesians 2:8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God,⁹ not of works, lest anyone should boast.



John 1:12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:

