

In Genesis 43:15-34, we see...

- Joseph gives us a picture of Jesus and His \_\_\_\_\_

→ \_\_\_\_\_ forgiveness

*"Grace means that beautiful things are being done for you and happening within you... We find grace in the presence and the transformative power of the Holy Spirit and in undeserved, tangible help."* PAUL DAVID TRIPP, NEW MORNING MERCIES

- We need it
- We can't live without it
- We can't purchase it
- We can't earn it
- It comes as a gift
- It reaches us where we are
- It takes us to where God wants us to be
- GRACE is the most powerful force in the universe

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*"When Joseph saw Benjamin with them, he said to the manager of his household, 'Take them inside the palace. Then go slaughter an animal, and prepare a big feast.'" [v. 16]*

*"Don't you see how wonderfully kind, tolerant, and patient God is with you? Does this mean nothing to you? Can't you see that his kindness is intended to turn you from your sin?" ROM 2:4*

*"When accepted, grace takes our breath away, and we stand before the God of grace in awe, for He always bestows it in abundance."*

→ Grace enables us to live in \_\_\_\_\_

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*"A guilty conscience is always suspicious of grace."* STEPHEN ELLIOTT, JOSEPH: A STORY ABOUT A FAMILY

*"Relax. Don't be afraid... Your God, the God of your father, must have put this treasure into your sacks. I know I received your payment.' Then he released Simeon and brought him out to them." [v. 23]*

*"Our thoughts are programmed to expect certain consequences from certain circumstances. But God's thoughts\* are not like ours. Where we would expect doom and judgment, God's way surprises us with forgiveness and mercy." \*ISA 55:8-9*

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*"Joseph filled their plates with food from his own table, giving Benjamin five times as much as he gave the others. So they feasted and drank freely with him." [v. 34]*

*"Taste and see that the Lord is good. Oh, the joys of those who take refuge in him!" Ps 34:8*

*"God's ability to clean things up is infinitely greater than our ability to mess things up."*

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Christ invites all who will to come and join in His joy and His life. This invitation is not made to the deserving, but to the undeserving, to those in need of grace, but along with this invitation is the promise of **ABUNDANCE, FORGIVENESS, and FREEDOM.**