

Scripture: Exodus 20 – Genesis 42:25 - 43:12 Series Joseph: #11
Singing: 284:1-3 – 435:9 – 293:1-3 – 23:1, 2, 6 – 235:1-3

God's grace for you is not for sale but for receiving freely!

I. There is grace for you with God

A. Joseph history is 'the Gospel acc to Genesis: Gen. 41:55-57

1. Compare Is. 55:1-3 – Jeremiah 3:12-13 - Hosea 13:9; 14:1-3

2. Read Jesus's heart in the Gospel stories

B. Hard to believe: God knows and therefore spoke Is. 55:8-9!

II. But you will only value grace if you see the need for it

A. Why are so many despising the 'bread of house of God' (Gen. 42:2)?

B. Face the 'dark truth' God sees in you: Rom. 3:10-20

1. Though you may not act it out; this reality exists within you!

2. Though you can try to fix it, you are helpless to change yourself

III. Yet there is still grace, but God's grace is not for sale

A. Joseph's brothers & Jacob picture common mindset: Gen. 42:3, 43:11-12

B. Examine deeply what is your thinking when you approach Jesus?

Recapture: *There is grace – It is free – You are welcome – Be true!*

Every man's bundle of money
was in his sack. Genesis 42:35



WHAT DO YOU THINK?

1. What did Adam and Eve need to do to live forever in Paradise?
2. Do we still need to do that today like Adam and Eve then?
3. If you answered 'no' for question 2, then what now do you need to do to be saved? (If you don't know, listen for the answer in the sermon!)

WHAT DO YOU HEAR?

1. Can you add the numbers to put the story in the right order?

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| ___ Joseph recognized them. | ___ Benjamin went along to Egypt. |
| ___ There was much hunger. | ___ Joseph put them all in jail. |
| ___ They took money to buy food | |
| ___ All remembered their sins. | |
| ___ Jacob was very upset. | |

- ___ The brothers were fearful.
- ___ Simeon was left in jail.
- ___ They found the money in the bag.

2. Finish the sentence: *It is so _____ to be saved because it is so _____*

3. What did you learn from God's picture of your heart in Romans 3:10-18?

4. What Bible verses did you hear that encouraged you to pray to God even though you might feel very guilty about your sins? Memorize them may help to remember them when you seek God.

5. What does each letter of 'grace' stand for?

G _ _ R _ _ _ _ A _ C _ _ _ _ E _ _ _ _

WHAT WILL YOU DO?

6. What can you share with your friends from this message about God?
Then pray for help and share it!