



“Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, “We are here as your slaves.” But Joseph said to them, “Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.” In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.”

Genesis 50:18-21

“Forgiveness”

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Good News: Your worst deeds do not _____ you.

Not So Good News: Other’s worst deeds don’t _____ them.

-We are quick to forgive _____, but slow to forgive _____.

“Cheap grace is the grace we bestow on ourselves. Cheap grace is the preaching of forgiveness without requiring repentance...cheap grace is grace without discipleship, grace without the cross...”

-Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Cost of Discipleship

Joseph and Forgiveness

-Joseph means “The Lord will _____ or _____.”

-Joseph was sold into _____ by his brothers and winds up in Egypt.

-He interprets a _____ of Pharaohs and predicts Egypt’s seven years of _____ and seven years of _____.

-He is second in command in Egypt when his _____ come.

“Even though you intended to do _____ to me, God intended it for _____...”

Genesis 50:18-21

-He forgave his brothers not because of what they _____ but because of who they _____.

-God’s people were known for their _____.

-Every _____ years, they would celebrate the Year of _____.
(Leviticus 25:8-55)

Action Steps

-Forgive because our _____ depends on it!

“For if you forgive others their _____, your heavenly Father will also forgive you; but if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.”

Matthew 6:14-15

-Forgive because we have learned through our _____.

“And a voice from heaven said, ‘This is my Son, the _____, with whom I am well pleased.’”

Matthew 3:17

When God’s children make bad choices, they are still God’s children.

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