

# Mercy and Grace in Egypt

Genesis 43:15-34

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of guilt and shame: (Gen. 43:15-22)

2. An unlikely \_\_\_\_\_: (Gen. 43:23-28)

- *Genesis 28:12-15: He had a dream in which he saw a stairway resting on the earth, with its top reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. 13 There above it stood the LORD, and he said: "I am the LORD, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac. I will give you and your descendants the land on which you are lying. 14 Your descendants will be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and to the east, to the north and to the south. All peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring. 15 I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you."*

**How can I be more aware of the good God has done and is doing and be less pessimistic?**

- Try to look at your circumstances with a \_\_\_\_\_.
- Remind yourself of \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_ the good things that he has done for you.
- *Psalms 103:1-12 Praise the LORD, O my soul! With all that is within me, praise his holy name! 2 Praise the LORD, O my soul! Do not forget all his kind deeds! 3 He is the one who forgives all your sins, who heals all your diseases, 4 who delivers your life from the Pit, who crowns you with his loyal love and compassion, 5 who satisfies your life with good things, so your youth is renewed like an eagle's. 6 The LORD does what is fair, and executes justice for all the oppressed. 7 The LORD revealed his faithful acts to Moses, his deeds to the Israelites. 8 The LORD is compassionate and merciful; he is patient and demonstrates great loyal love. 9 He does not always accuse, and does not stay angry. 10 He does not deal with us as our sins deserve; he does not repay us as our misdeeds deserve. 11 For as the skies are high above the earth, so his loyal love towers over his faithful followers. 12 As far as the eastern horizon is from the west, so he removes the guilt of our rebellious actions from us.*

3. An emotional \_\_\_\_\_: (Gen. 43:29-30)

- *1 Thessalonians 5:11 Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, just as you are in fact doing.*
- Look at the people you love and tell them \_\_\_\_\_ you love them and \_\_\_\_\_ you love them.
- Look at the things you \_\_\_\_\_ about people and \_\_\_\_\_ it with them.

4. Hinting at the \_\_\_\_\_. (Gen. 43:31-34)

*2 Peter 3:8-10 Now, dear friends, do not let this one thing escape your notice, that a single day is like a thousand years with the Lord and a thousand years are like a single day. 9 The Lord is not slow concerning his promise, as some regard slowness, but is being patient toward you, because he does not wish for any to perish but for all to come to repentance. 10 But the day of the Lord will come like a thief; when it comes, the heavens will disappear with a horrific noise, and the celestial bodies will melt away in a blaze, and the earth and every deed done on it will be laid bare.*

- **Have you turned to the Lord? Have you trusted in Jesus?**

## Next Steps for Growth:

I want to begin to follow Jesus today.

I want to be visited by a pastor

I want to be baptized.

I want to become a member.

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  Change my contact info

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

I am a:  1<sup>st</sup> time guest  2<sup>nd</sup> time guest  Regular Attendee  Member (taken membership class & committed to membership covenant)