

**Sermon:** God's Mercy for Our Broken Relationships  
**Series:** *Genesis – Joseph: Trusting the Goodness of God*

**Scripture:** Genesis 43  
**Date:** April 26, 2020

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**OBSERVATION** -- As a group, talk through and summarize the passage. Think through *Who, What, Where, When, How, Why* questions together.

**INTERPRETATION** -- Answer these questions together:

**1) What does this passage teach us about us (mankind)?**

- a) God uses the trials of life to reveal the idols of our heart. How has this current trial revealed an idol in your heart?
- b) Is there someone in your life that you could show mercy to by allowing them to change gradually in “baby steps?”
- c) Have you ever experienced a changed heart as you showed mercy to someone else?

**2) What does this passage teach us about God?**

- a) How does God use Joseph to reveal his mercy in this story? How might God use you to reveal his mercy this week?
- b) Read Exodus 34:6-7. What do we learn about God's mercy from this passage? How does the mercy of God bring you comfort today?

**3) What does this passage teach us about grace/salvation? How does it point to Christ?**

- a) Read Ephesians 2:1-10. Why do we all need mercy from God? How does God's mercy save us?

**APPLICATION**

- a) Is there a broken relationship in your life that needs to be restored? Is there something in your heart that needs to change before reconciliation can occur?

**PRAYER**

Praise God for his mercy (pray Ephesians 2:1-10 back to God).

Confess areas where you have resisted God's mercy and refused to show mercy to another person.

Ask God to use your mercy to reveal his mercy.