



Grace Assembly Of God

Chapter-By-Chapter Bible Reading Devotional

Scripture:	Genesis 43	Title:	Don't just be kind; do good.
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Summary of Chapter:	Jacob made his sons returned to Egypt to ask Joseph for more help and this time, they brought Benjamin along because of Joseph's request. Joseph invited his brothers to eat with him and feasted with them.		
Key Verses	How does it speak to me?		
³⁴ <i>And 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.</i>	<p>Previously, for Genesis 34, I shared about a hospital staff who did not treat my father well. While reading this today's passage, I was reminded of that person which I had already forgiven. Just when I thought that by being kind in my feedback about the nasty healthcare worker was enough, the Lord challenged me to go beyond. He wanted me to do something good for her. Very quickly, I thought of writing her an e-card to encourage her. I believe no matter how kind I had tried to sound, a complaint must have still hurt and discouraged her. The ecard was meant to encourage her and to remind her to believe that she was made to make a difference in her career. I made a choice to cheer her on as this is a very tough season for any frontline worker. What empowered me to do so was the reminder of my fully-paid debt that Christ has paid for all of us on the cross.</p> <p><i>"To be a Christian means to forgive the inexcusable, because God has forgiven the inexcusable in you."</i> C.S. Lewis</p>		
APPLICATION QUESTIONS:			
Adult:	As you ask the Holy Spirit to search your heart, is there someone who has offended you before and now, the thought of the person still hurts? Today, would you choose to forgive the person and do something good for the person?		
Youth:	What does forgiveness mean to you? Whatsapp a message of prayer to encourage or bless someone who has offended you before.		
Child:	Share a time when you forgave someone who had done you wrong. If you could do something more to bless this person, what would you do? Brainstorm a feasible act together as a family and do it with your child.		
P R A Y E R :			
Praying Scripture:	Dear Lord, we thank You that You have loved us so deeply that You were willing to pardon all our 'inexcusables' and paid for them all with the precious sacrifice of Jesus Christ. Teach us to love and forgive others the way You do. To be willing to go the extra mile for our debtors, oppressors, enemies. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.		
Thanksgiving Prayer:	I/We thank you for _____ (e.g. delicious food they ate, places they went, prayer that is answered, etc)		
Intercessory Prayer:	I/We want to pray for _____ (e.g. healing of sickness, family members, work or study, leaders, nation, etc)		
Salvation Prayer:	I/We pray for the salvation of my/our unsaved loved ones _____ (can add one name per day). In Jesus Name I/we pray. Amen.		