



February 22, 2024

Social Time

Thanks to those who brought Treats!

Bible Study Business

Music – Led by Lisa Scholterback

Prayer Requests and Update Prayer List

Opening Prayer

Discussion - What's So Amazing About Grace? – Chapter 6

Psalm 103:8-12 ⁸The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. ⁹He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever. ¹⁰He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. ¹¹For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; ¹²as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us.

1. What does this Psalm tell us about God's grace toward us?

Chapter 6 tells of a series of wrongs done from one generation to the next and unwillingness to forgive.

2. Why is forgiving so difficult?

3. How hard is it to take the first step toward forgiveness?

4. When someone has been seriously wronged, is an apology enough?

Genesis 50:15-22 ¹⁵Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" ¹⁶So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, ¹⁷'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I

in the place of God? ²⁰Even 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. ²¹So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.” In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them. ²²So Joseph remained in Egypt, he and his father’s household; and Joseph lived one hundred ten years.

5. Joseph experienced at least as much trauma at the hands of his brothers as the people in the story of the Unbroken Chain. What difference did it make that he chose to forgive his brothers rather than hold grudges?
6. How did Joseph’s faith relate to his decision to forgive?

For Next Time – Read Chapter 7

Birthdays

Closing Prayer – Lord’s Prayer

Revised Schedule

Date	Chapter(s)	Title(s)
February 29	7	An Unnatural Act
March 7	8 & 9	Why Forgiven? Getting Even
March 14	10 & 11	The Arsenal of Grace A Home for Bastards: A Story
March 21	12 & 13	No Oddballs Allowed Grace-Healed Eyes
March 28		Holy Week Break
April 4	14	Loopholes
April 11	15 & 16	Grace Avoidance Big Harold: A Story
April 18	17 & 18	Mixed Aroma Serpent Wisdom
April 25	19 & 20	Patches of Green Gravity and Grace