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No doubt you are familiar with the saying, “What goes around comes around.” Whether it was in relation to you, or to someone else, somewhere along the way you heard someone say it.

Other ways of stating the same thing include:

“You get what you have coming.”

“Actions have consequences.”

“You reap what you sow.”

Like all principles, the principle of “what goes around comes around” can work for you or against you. Felonies result in prison sentences. Academic diligence results in good grades. While it’s likely you’ve seen this principle play out this way, there are also exceptions to this rule.

Scripture: Genesis 42-45

Bottom Line: Grace is the exception to, “What goes around eventually comes around.”

Getting Started:

1. Think of someone and how you saw the principle of sowing and reaping play out in their lives. Share how their story could have been different had they asked themselves the question: “Who am I when no one is looking?”
2. Why is it easier to see the importance of that question in the lives of other people rather than our own lives?
3. How would your current circumstances be different had you asked yourself this question?

Diving In:**Read Genesis 42**

4. Read Genesis 42:6-9. How do you think Joseph felt when he saw his brothers and remembered his dreams?
5. What does, “he remembered his dreams,” say about Joseph? What does his approach to his past have to say to us about ours?
6. Read Genesis 42:21. Scott made the statement, “Remorse doesn’t eliminate consequence.” Do you agree with this statement? Why or why not?
7. Read Genesis 44:32-34. Judah had clearly experienced a change in his life after all he had been through. Why is it so challenging to believe someone is sincere when they have a history of being otherwise? How can you discern the difference?
8. What do you have to or say to convince someone in your life that you are not who or what you used to be?

Moving Forward:

Pray for each other as you begin another week. Pray that each one would have the courage and strength to be like Joseph to those in our lives who may have a history like Judah.