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Drawn Near Because of Grace

Genesis 45-46

Grace _____ (Genesis 45:1-4)

Conviction was not meant to drive them _____; it was meant to bring them _____.

Pain _____ (Genesis 45:5-8)

God does not waste your deepest wounds; He _____ them into your story of redemption.

Fear _____ (Genesis 46:1-4)

_____ happens before we are strengthened to take the next step of faith.

The invitation _____ (Luke 24:30-39)
Jesus has _____ Himself to you.
Jesus longs to _____ your pain.
Will you surrender to Him today?

Connection Card Next Steps –
***Step 1 – I will answer** the invitation to come near, ask Jesus to forgive my sin, and surrender my life to Him.
***Step 2 – I will give the Lord** my deepest hurts and ask for His grace to forgive others.

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- Joseph offered compassion to his repentant brothers. Jesus offers grace to us while we were still sinners (Rom. 5:8) and calls us to come to Him when we are burdened (Matt. 11:28-29). How do Joseph's example and Christ's grace provide you the spiritual strength to bring grace to our holiday tables this season?

- Looking back on a past season of unexpected loss or hardship, where have you seen God bring unexpected spiritual growth or good out of that?

- How does Jacob's example of stopping at the border to worship, listen, answer, and surrender to the Lord encourage you in times of uncertainty, fear, or doubt?

- What is a "border" of uncertainty, a family situation, or a major decision you are currently facing?

- What would it practically look like for you to offer grace, trust in God's providence, and surrender your life to God's plan this week?