**GRACE CONQUERS ALL**

How God Builds Character - The Life of Joseph Part 8

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**2 Peter 3:9 (NIV) – Memory Verse**  
The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

**Genesis 43:15-23**

**What guilt can do to you:**

**Causes You To Be Suspicious**

**Genesis 43:18 (NIV)**   
Now the men were frightened when they were taken to his house. They thought, "We were brought here because of the silver that was put back into our sacks the first time. He wants to attack us and overpower us and seize us as slaves and take our donkeys."

**Remind You Of Lost Opportunities**

**Genesis 42:21 (NIV)**   
They said to one another, "Surely we are being punished because of our brother. We saw how distressed he was when he pleaded with us for his life, but we would not listen; that's why this distress has come upon us."

**Brings Fear Into Your Life**

**Genesis 43:23a (NIV)**   
"It's all right," he said. "Don't be afraid.

**Leads You To Distance Yourself From God**

**Genesis 43:23b (NIV)**   
Your God, the God of your father, has given you treasure in your sacks; I received your silver." Then he brought Simeon out to them.

**Prepares You To Experience The Grace Of God**

**Isaiah 30:18 (NIV)**   
Yet the LORD longs to be gracious to you; he rises to show you compassion. For the LORD is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for him!

**Why does God make you wait?**

* **Waiting Allows Time For Repentance**
* **You Learn How To Rest (In God)**

**Isaiah 40:31 (KJV)**   
But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew *their* strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; *and* they shall walk, and not faint.