





SO WHAT? (APPLICATION):

1. **Hebrew has different words for sin as we have different words for rain.**

- “Iniquity” refers to our inner corruption, our propensity for sin.
- “Sin” refers to missing the mark.
- “Transgression” speaks of the most egregious and deliberate sins.

What kind of offense does Yahweh visit “to the third and fourth generation”?

- What different meaning would that sentence have if it said that God visits the “sins” to the generations?
- Have you seen iniquity passed on from generation to generation in your own family?
- Have you seen generational curses broken in your family line?

2. **The faithfulness of God is much clearer in retrospect than it is in the moment.** When he was languishing in prison in Egypt, Joseph had no idea his suffering was actually a token of God’s faithfulness to him and his family. But later he would tell his treacherous brothers, “What you intended for evil, God intended for good, the saving of many lives” (Gen 50:20).

- Have you ever, like Joseph, detected the faithfulness of God in retrospect, a time when you realized that what had seemed to be unanswered prayer (or even tragedy) was actually part of God’s long game to bless you and others?
- Have you ever shared that story with a younger believer?

3. **Have you ever experienced an astonishing gesture of mercy, grace, and forgiveness from someone you had wronged?**

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