Everyone Gets A Trophy (Romans 12:3)

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INTRODUCTION

- In our everyone gets a trophy world, I want to provide a little balance and reality to the mentality.
- Everybody can't be a winner. We need to learn to accept a little bit of losing.
- Let me tell you this about winning trophies. Most of them end up in the attic if they're lucky.

1 Why Was Joseph So Ready to Forgive?

Genesis 45

- Joseph could not control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried, have everyone go out from me.
- Joseph was ready to forgive because he knew there was a special promise to him and his family.
- He knew that God had a great purpose, that he was working out in his family.
- He can't undo the last decade or so of his life. What's done is done.
- There is a future to embrace, a future that is related to this promise.

2 But to Benjamin He Gave Three Hundred Pieces of Silver

Genesis 45:22

- To each of them he gave changes of garments.
- But to Benjamin, he gave three hundred pieces of silver and five changes of garments.
- Now, how would you feel about that if you're the other brothers?

3 God Has a Sovereign Right to Choose

Romans 12:3–8

- For just as we have many members in the body, and all the members do not have the same function.
- A man ought not to think more highly of himself than he ought to think, but to think so as to have sound judgment.
- This speaks to God's sovereign right to choose.
- He places people in the body to do what they can do. And not everybody can do the same.

4 The Place That You Occupy Is Meaningful

1 Corinthians 12; Ephesians 1; 2 Timothy 2

- It meant that they still had promise of provision from Joseph. They weren't going to be neglected.
- And it's okay in Romans chapter 12 if somebody else is the one who gets the lead.

- Everyone's circumstance and placement in the body is different. But here's the thing. You're still in the body.
- We have been blessed with every spiritual blessing in heavenly places. According to Ephesians chapter 1.
- The place that you occupy is meaningful.
- Cleanse yourself from evil things, as he says in 2 Timothy chapter 2, and present yourself as a useful vessel to the Lord.

5 You Are Sons of the Most High God

Hebrews 12; Romans 8; Exodus 24

- Every father who loves his son disciplines his son.
- Our circumstances can help us to produce the likeness of Christ in our attitudes and character.
- You are sons. All of you. All of you who are in Christ.
- You have come to Mount Zion. To the city of the living God, to the blood of Jesus, and a better covenant.
- You can get a whole bag of trophies. But none of them are as valuable as what we have in Christ.

THE CHALLENGE

You love him. You get the prize of prizes. Stand the test. Remain firm in the faith.

MY NOTES