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Too Good to Be True...But It Is!

**Has anyone ever done you a huge favor, a favor so great you knew there was no way you could ever repay them?**

**All of us need favors from time to time, not just from one another, but from God, too.** When Jesus Christ was on earth people would come to Him for a favor only He could give.

***John 2:1-11; Luke 5:12-13; Matthew 20:29-34***

**Over and over Jesus showed how incredibly willing God was to grant people huge favors as they came to Him in faith.** Over and over He showed us how much God truly loves us, cares about us and wants to favor us even when we don't deserve it.

***John 8:2-11***

**Even while Jesus was dying a brutal death on the cross to purchase our forgiveness of sins, He still granted favors to those around Him.**

*Luke 23:33-43*

**God's unconditional love and mercy for us, as shown so sacrificially by Christ, seems too good to be true...but it is.**

*Romans 5:6-8; Titus 3:3-5*

**Christ freely took God's just anger and righteous judgement for our sins and freely gives an eternal lifetime of "favors" to all who believe in Him.**

*2 Corinthians 5:21; Psalm 30:5; Isaiah 61:10*

**God, Our Father is not ashamed of us but delights in us and even sings over us as His beloved children.**

***Zephaniah 3:17*** – "The Lord your God is with you, He is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you, He will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing."

***"God is not ashamed of you. He loves you and He is proud to be your Father...Love is not simply God's choice—love is His nature. He loves you with a perfect love—an everlasting love—a relentless love—an unquenchable, insatiable, immeasurable, inexhaustible, irrepressible, irrational, inescapable love. There is nothing you can do to make Him love you more. And there is absolutely nothing you can do to make Him love you less. He doesn't love you for what you do; he loves you for who you are—His son, His daughter, His lost one, His found one. He loves you. And he wants a deep, abiding relationship with you."*** - Rick Warren

*Romans 5:11*

**Do you believe how unconditionally God loves you in Christ? Do you believe He wants to fill your life with "favors"?**

*Romans 8:32; Isaiah 49:15-16*

**Are you willing to learn how to return the favor you received from God in Christ by becoming His true worshiper?**

*Romans 12:1*

**Discussion Questions:**

1. Share a time someone did a huge favor for you. How did you feel?

2. Read through the examples of favors Jesus did. What favors has Jesus done for you?

3. How do you think God really feels about you? Do you feel that way about yourself? What will your response be to God for how He loves you?