

Hi, I'm Crawford Loritts with a Legacy Moment.

When our oldest son was in college, Karen and I gave him a credit card for emergencies. We told Bryan not to use it without calling us first. And he didn't, except this once. I was reviewing the statement, and I noticed a bunch of charges on Bryan's card. I thought, “Boy, did someone steal the card? did he lose it?”. So I called him. He said, "Dad, I don't know what happened. I was with some friends in the mall, and I just decided to buy a bunch of things that I really didn't need. I'm sorry." I said, "Well, son, you'll have to pay that money back." Bryan didn't have that much money, but he paid me back when he came home for Christmas break not long thereafter.

Later that break, I took him out for lunch, thanked him for owning up to what he'd done, and gave him the money back. He tried to protest, but I told him I wanted him to learn a lesson. A lesson...in grace.

You see, grace is more than just not getting what you deserve. It's getting extra blessing. It's going free, yes, but it's going free and being blessed in the process.

Look at Acts chapter 20, verses 32. Paul is saying farewell to the leaders of the church in Ephesus. He says, "And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified." The word of His grace grants us favor, the Apostle Paul says, “and I commend you to that favor.” God not only has forgiven us, He's favored us.

Here's what I want you to remember today. Why not take a few minutes to rehearse the grace of God in your life? Thank Him for His love, for His favor.