much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. 18And the free gift is not like the result of that one man’s sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. 19For as by the one man’s disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man’s obedience the many will be made righteous. 20Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, 21so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

18Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. 19For as by the one man’s disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man’s obedience the many will be made righteous. 20Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, 21so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

— Genesis 35–36 —

G
d said to Jacob, “Arise, go up to Bethel and dwell there. Make an altar there to the God who appeared to you when you fled from your brother Esau.” 2So Jacob said to his household and to all who were with him, “Put away the foreign gods that are among you and purify yourselves and change your garments. 3Then let us arise and go up to Bethel, so that I may make there an altar to the God who answers me when I pray after this my distress and has been with me wherever I have gone.” 4So they gave to Jacob all the foreign gods that they had, and the rings that were in their ears. Jacob hid them under the terebinth tree that was near Shechem.

5And as they journeyed, a terror from God fell upon the cities that were around them, so that they did not pursue the sons of Jacob. 6And Jacob came to Luz (that is, Bethel), which is in the land of Canaan, he and all the people who were with him, 7and there he built an altar and called the place El-bethel, 8because there God had revealed himself to him when he fled from his brother. 9And Deborah, Rebekah’s nurse, died, and she was buried under an oak below Bethel. So he called its name Allon-bacuth. 9God appeared 10toJacob again, when he came from Paddan-aram, and blessed him. 11And God said to him, “Your name is Jacob; no longer shall your name be called Jacob, but Israel shall be your name.” So he called his name Israel.

11And God said to him, “I am God Almighty; be fruitful and multiply. A nation and a company of nations shall come from you, and kings shall come from your own body.” 12The land that I gave to Abraham and Isaac I will give to you, and I will give the land to your offspring after you.” 13Then God went up from him in the place where he had spoken with him. 14And Jacob set up a pillar in the place where he had spoken with him, a pillar of stone. He poured out a drink offering on it and poured oil on it. 15So Jacob called the name of the place where God had spoken with him Bethel.

16Then they journeyed from Bethel. When they were still some distance from Ephrath, Rachel went into labor, and she had hard labor. 17And when her labor was at its hardest, the midwife said to her, “Do not fear, for you have another son.” 18And as her soul was departing (for she was dying), she called his name Ben-oni; 19but his father called him Benjamin. 20So Rachel died, and she was buried on the way to Ephrath (that is, Bethlem). 21And Jacob set up a pillar over her tomb. It is the pillar of Rachel’s tomb, which is there to this day. 22Israel journeyed on and pitched his tent beyond the tower of Eder.

22While Israel lived in that land, Reuben went and lay with Bilhah his father’s concubine. And Israel heard of it.

Now the sons of Jacob were twelve. 23The sons of Leah: Reuben (Jacob’s firstborn), Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, and Zebulun. 24The sons of Rachel: Joseph and Benjamin. 25The sons of Bilhah, Leah’s servant: Dan and Naphtali. 26The sons of Zilpah, Leah’s servant: Gad and Asher. These were the sons of Jacob who were born to him in Paddan-aram.

27And Jacob came to his father Isaac at Mamre, or Kiriath-arba (that is, Hebron), where Abraham and Isaac had sojourned. 28Now the days of Isaac were 180 years. 29And Isaac breathed his last, and he died and was gathered to his people, old and full of days. And his sons Esau and Jacob buried him.

30These are the generations of Esau (that is, Edom). 2Esau took his wives from the Canaanites: Adah the daughter of Elon the Hittite, Oholibamah the daughter of Anah the daughter 3of Zibeon the Hivite, 4and Basemath, Ishmael’s daughter, the sister of Nebaioth. 4And Adah bore to Esau, Eliphaz; Basemath bore Reuel; 5and Oholibamah bore Jeush, Jalam, and Korah. These are the sons of Esau who were born to him in the land of Canaan.

6Then Esau took his wives, his sons, his daughters, and all the members of his household, his livestock, all his beasts, and all his property that he had acquired in the land of Canaan. He went into a land away from his brother Jacob. 7For their possessions were too great for them to dwell together. The land of their sojournings could not support them because of their livestock. 8So Esau settled in the hill country of Seir. (Esau is Edom.)

9These are the generations of Esau the father of the Edomites in the hill country of Seir. 10These are the names of Esau’s sons: Eliphaz the son of Adah the wife of Esau, Reuel the son of Basemath the wife of Esau. 11The sons of Eliphaz were Teman, Omar, Zepho, Gatam, and Kenan. 12(Timna was a concubine of Eliphaz, Esau’s son; she bore Amalek to Eliphaz.) These are the sons of Adah, Esau’s wife. 13These are the sons of Reuel: Nahath, Zerah, Shammah, and Mizzah. These are the sons of Basemath, Esau’s wife. 14These are the sons of Oholibamah, Esau’s wife: the chiefs Jeush, Jalam, and Korah; these are the chiefs born of Oholibamah the daughter of Anah, Esau’s wife. 15These are the sons of Esau (that is, Edom), and these are their chiefs.

16These are the sons of Seir the Horite, the inhabitants of the land: Lotan, Shobal, Zibeon, Anah, 16Dishon, Ezer, and Dishan; these are the chiefs of the Horites, the sons of Seir in the land of Edom. 17The sons of Lotan were Hori and Hemam; and Lotan’s sister was Timna. 18These are the sons of Shobal: Alvan, Manahath, Ebal, Shepho, and Onam. 19These are the sons of Zibeon: Aiah and Anah; he is the Anah who found the hot springs in the wilderness, as he pastured the donkeys of his father.

20These are the sons of Anah: Dishon and Oholibamah the daughter of Anah. 21These are the sons of Dishon: Hemdan, Eshab, Ithran, and Cheran. 22These are the sons of Ezer: Bilhan, Zaavan, and Akan. 23These are the sons of Dishan: Uz and Aran. 24These are the chiefs of the Horites: the chiefs Lotan, Shobal, Zibeon, Anah, 24Dishon, Ezer, and Dishan; these are the chiefs of the Horites, chief by chief in the land of Seir.

25These are the kings who reigned in the land of Edom, before any king reigned over the Israelites. 26Bela the son of Beor reigned in Edom, the name of his city being Dinhabah. 27Bela died, and Jobab the son of Zerah of Bozrah reigned in his place. 28Jobab died, and Tubal of the sons of Temanites reigned in his place. 29Tubal died, and Bedad of the sons of Bedad, who defeated Midian in the country of Moab, reigned in his place, the name of his city being Avith. 30Hadad died, and Samlah of Masrekah reigned in his place. 31Samlah died, and Shaul of Rehoboth on the Euphrates reigned in his place. 32Shaul died, and Baal-hanan the son of Achbor reigned in his place. 33Baal-hanan the son of Achbor died, and
Hadar reigned in his place, the name of his city being Pau; his wife’s name was Mehetabel, the daughter of Matred, daughter of Mezahab. These are the names of the chiefs of Esau, according to their clans and their dwelling places, by their names: the chiefs Timna, Aliah, Jetheth, Oholibamah, Elah, Pinon, Kenaz, Teman, Mibzar, Magdiel, and Iram; these are the chiefs of Edom (that is, Esau, the father of Edom), according to their dwelling places in the land of their possession.

Mark 6

He went away from there and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. 2And on the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished, saying, “Where did this man get these things? What is the wisdom given to him? How are such mighty works done by his hands? 3Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. 4And Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor, except in his hometown and among his relatives and in his own household.” 5And he could do no mighty work there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and healed them. 6And he marveled because of their unbelief. And he went about among the villages teaching. 7And he called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. 8He charged them to take nothing for their journey except the staff—no bread, no bag, no money in their belts— 9but to wear sandals and not put on two tunics. 10And he said to them, “Whenever you enter a house, stay there stay until you depart from there. 11And if any place will not receive you and they will not listen to you, when you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimonily against them.” 12So they went out and proclaimed that people should repent. 13And they cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them.

King Herod heard of it, for Jesus’ name had become known. Some said, “John the Baptist has been raised from the dead. That is why these miraculous powers are at work in him.” 15But others said, “He is Elijah.” And others said, “He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.” 16But when Herod heard of it, he said, “John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.” 17For it was Herod who had sent and seized John and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip’s wife, because he had married her. 18For John had been saying to Herod, “It is not lawful for you to have your brother’s wife.” 19And Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to put him to death. But she could not. 20For Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he kept him safe. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed, and yet he heard him gladly.

And his opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his nobles and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee. 22For when Herodias’s daughter came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests. And the king said to the girl, “Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it to you.” 23And he vowed to her, “Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up to half of my kingdom.” 24And she went out and said to her mother, “For what should I ask?” And she said, “The head of John the Baptist.” 25And she came in immediately with haste to the king and asked, saying, “I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist.” 26And after he had taken leave of them, he went up on the mountain to pray. 27And when evening came, the boat was out on the sea, and he was alone on the land. 28And he saw that they were making headway painfully, for the wind was against them. 29And immediately he made his disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. 30And after he had taken leave of them, he went up on the mountain to pray. 31And when evening came, the boat was out on the sea, and he was alone on the land. 32And he saw that they were making headway painfully, for the wind was against them. And about the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. 33He meant to pass by them, 34but when they saw him walking on the sea they thought it was a ghost, and cried out. 35For they all saw him and were terrified. But immediately he spoke to them and said, “Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.” 36And he got into the boat with them, and the wind ceased. And they were utterly astonished.

Then Satan answered the Lord and said, “Skin for skin! But if you are willing to accept praise from men, how will you reject rejection from the One who is righteous?” 59And Herod said to Kerub, “Why do you bring me news of this sort? I am a righteous man, having feared God from my boyhood on.” 60But Jesus answered, “Amen, I say to you, unless a person is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the Kingdom of Heaven. 61That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.” 62So John answered, “Amen, I say to you, no one can see the Kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit.” 63For the winds blow wherever they please, and as the farmer sows the seed, so will God scatter the word. 64He who has ears, let him hear.” 65And he said, “To you was given knowledge of the mysteries of the Kingdom of God, but to the rest you are taught in parables, so that they might not see and understand, and turn again, for their hearts are hardened, and they do not listen, so that they might not be converted and healed.

Now when Job’s three friends heard of all this evil that had come upon him, they each came from his own place, Eliphaz the Temanite, Bildad the Shuhite, and Zophar the Naamathite. They made an appointment to go to Job and comfort him. 2And when they saw him from a distance, they did not recognize him. And they raised their voices and wept, and they tore their robes and sprinkled dust on their heads toward heaven. 3And they sat with him on the ground seven days and seven nights, and no one spoke a word to him, for they saw that his suffering was very great.
Romans 6

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? 
2 By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? 3 Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 
4 We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. 
5 If we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. 
6 We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. 
7 For one who has died has been set free from sin. 
8 Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. 
9 We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. 
10 For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. 
11 So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus. 
12 Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. 
13 Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. 
14 For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. 
15 What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! 
16 Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? 
17 But thanks be to God, that you were once slaves of sin but have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, 
18 and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. 
19 I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification. 
20 For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. 
21 But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. 
22 But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. 
23 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Genesis 37

Jacob lived in the land of his father’s sojournings, in the land of Canaan. 
2 These are the generations of Jacob. 
Joseph, being seventeen years old, was pasturing the flock with his brothers. He was a boy with the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father’s wives. And Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. 
3 Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his sons, because he was the son of his old age. And he made him a robe of many colors. 
4 But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him and could not speak peacefully to him. 
5 Now Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers they hated him even more.
as the washing of cups and pots and copper vessels and dining couches. And the Pharisees asked him, “Why do your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” And he said to them, “Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written, ‘This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.’ You leave the commandment of God and hold to the tradition of men.” And he said to them, “You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to establish your tradition! For Moses said, ‘Honor your father and mother’; and, ‘Whoever reviles father or mother must surely die.’ But you say, ‘If a man tells his father or his mother, “Whatever you would have gained from me is Corban” (that is, given to God) then you no longer permit him to do anything for his father or mother, thus making void the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And many such things you do.” And when he had entered the house and left to enter the region of the Decapolis. And they brought a deaf-mute to him and made him come to him. And when he had looked him in the eyes he was restored and spoke plainly. And he said to them, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not right to take the children’s bread and throw it to the dogs.” But she answered him, “Yes, Lord; yet even the dogs under the table eat from the crumbs. Or why was I not as a hidden stillborn child, as infants who never see the light? There the wicked cease from troubling, and there the weary are at rest. There the prisoners are at ease together; they hear not the voice of the taskmaster. The small and the great are there, and the slave is free from his master. Why is light given to him who is in misery, and life to the bitter in soul, who long for death, but it comes not, nor light shines upon it. The very commandment that promised life proved to be death to me. For sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, deceived me and through it killed me. So the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good. Did that which is good, then, bring death to me? By no means! It was sin, producing death apart from the law, and the commandment came, sin came alive and I died. I was once a slave of sin. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. For it is not I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I do not know what I do. I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. I have no rest, but trouble comes.”
I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. 19 For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. 20 Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.

21 So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. 22 For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being. 23 But I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. 24 Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? 25 Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself serve the law of God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin.

**Genesis 38**

It happened at that time that Judah went down from his brothers and turned aside to a certain Adullamite, whose name was Hirah. 2 There Judah saw the daughter of a certain Canaanite whose name was Shua. He took her and went in to her, and she conceived and bore a son, and he called his name Er. 4 She conceived again and bore a son, and she called his name Onan. 5 Yet again she bore a son, and she called his name Shelah. Judah 1 was in Chezib when she bore him.

And Judah took a wife for Er his firstborn, and her name was Tamar. 7 But Er, Judah’s firstborn, was wicked in the sight of the LORD, and the LORD put him to death. 8 Then Judah said to Onan, “Go in to your brother’s wife and perform the duty of a brother-in-law to her, and raise up offspring for your brother.” 9 But Onan knew that the offspring would not be his. So whenever he went in to his brother’s wife, he would wash the semen on the ground, so as not to give offspring to his brother. 10 And what he did was wicked in the sight of the LORD, and he put him to death also. 11 Then Judah said to Tamar his daughter-in-law, “Remain a widow in your father’s house, till the father-in-law is going up to Timnah to shear his sheep.” 12 And she said to him, “Please identify whose these are, man to whom these belong, I am pregnant.” And he answered, “I will send you a young goat from the flock.” 13 She said, “Please let me send you the scarlet thread on my hand, and your name Shelah, my husband, will be known as Zerah.”

**Mark 8**

In those days, when again a great crowd had gathered, and they had nothing to eat, he called his disciples to him and said to them, 2 “I have compassion on the crowd, because they have been with me now three days and have nothing to eat. 3 And if I send them away hungry to their homes, they will faint on the way. And some of them have come from far away. 4 And his disciples answered him, “How can one feed these people with bread here in this desolate place?” 5 And he asked them, “How many loaves do you have?” They said, “Seven.” 6 And he directed the crowd to sit down on the ground and took the seven loaves, and having given thanks, he broke them and gave them to his disciples to set before the people; and they set them before the crowd. 7 And they had only one loaf with them in the boat. 8 And he said to them, “Do you not yet understand?” 9 And they came to Bethsaida. And some people brought to him a blind man and begged him to touch him. 10 And he took his blind man by the hand and led him out of the village, and when he had spit on his eyes and laid his hands on him, he asked him, “Do you see anything?” 11 And he looked up and said, “I see people, but they look like trees, walking.” 12 Then Jesus laid his hands on his eyes again, and he opened his eyes, his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly. 13 And he sent him to his home, saying, “Do not even enter the village.” 14 And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” 15 And they told him, “John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets.” 16 And he asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Christ.” 17 And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him. 18 And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected.