A Picture of Grace

What is a favorite memory of being surprised?

Read Genesis 45:1-28.

- 1. How did Joseph reveal himself?
 - A. Showed his coat.
 - B. Through a guessing game.
 - C. Told attendants to leave.
 - D. Wept loudly.
 - E. Offered a clue for his brothers.
 - F. Invited the brothers to take a closer look.
 - G. Stated, "I am Joseph."
 - H. Changed clothes so they could recognize him.
 - I. Other.
- 2. How did Joseph's brothers react to Joseph's reveal?
 - A. Warmly embraced him.
 - B. Apologized to Joseph.
 - C. Ran away from Joseph.
 - D. Were shocked he was still alive.
 - E. Were terrified of his presence.
 - F. Worried he would punish them.
 - G. Regretted selling him into slavery.
 - H. Sent word right away to Jacob.
 - I. Other.
- 3. How did Joseph send his brothers off?
 - A. Sent his brothers to jail.
 - B. Embraced them.
 - C. Cried with them.
 - D. Instructed them to bring their father Jacob back to Egypt.
 - E. With carts to bring everyone back.
 - F. With lots of food and supplies.
 - G. Asked them to not fight.
 - H. Said to leave their belongings behind.
 - I. Other.

- 4. How did Joseph feel about the hard times he had gone through?
 - A. He blamed his brothers.
 - B. He blamed himself.
 - C. He believed God allowed it.
 - D. He saw a greater purpose for them.
 - E. He was angry and bitter.
 - F. He forgave his brothers.
 - G. He took revenge on everyone involved.
 - H. Other.
- 5. If you were in Joseph's shoes, how would you have responded?
 - A. Punished my brothers.
 - B. Forgiven my brothers.
 - C. Cried.
 - D. Been grateful everything worked out for good.
 - E. Been sad that I missed so much time away from my family.
 - F. Been angry at God.
 - G. I don't know what I would have done.
 - H. Other.
- 6. What does it take for you to forgive someone?
 - A. They need to apologize in writing.
 - B. They need to apologize face to face.
 - C. They don't need to apologize.
 - D. I need time to think about their apology.
 - E. I forgive as soon as the apology is given.
 - F. I need to talk about it first.
 - G. No forgiveness; they're cancelled.
 - H. Other.
- 7. When do you find it hard to forgive?

8. How can we trust God like Joseph did when our situation seems pretty bad?