Barriers to Experiencing God's Grace, Part Two Genesis 42:28-38 May 28, 2017

Barrier #1: A mistrusting spirit. (v. 28)

Barrier #2: A fearful spirit. (v. 29-38)

Why is Jacob responding in fear?

Because of the scars of his past.

- #1. The death of his wife, Rachel.
- #2. The rape of his daughter, Dinah.
- #3. The death of his son, <u>Joseph</u>.

Two consequences of Jacob's fear:

- 1. Poor Simeon was having this prolonged stay in prison.
- 2. He was delaying this amazing reunion with Joseph that God had <u>planned</u> all along.

How do you deal with the barrier of fear?

- 1. "Put off" through <u>confession</u>. (1 John 1:9)
- 2. "Put on" trust. (Proverbs 3:5,6)