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## Sermon Recap & Discussion Questions

*In view of God's gift of Jesus Christ, we must turn from our presumption on his grace and give thanks to him for his perseverance to preserve us.*

### I. Presumption

*Moses seems all too eager to witness God kill Pharaoh's firstborn son if Pharaoh will not let the people go (23). However, he is so focused on the judgment he feels Pharaoh deserves, he neglects his responsibility to circumcise his own son, which was the sign of the covenant he was supposed to confer on him. It was the Old Testament version of baptism through which the parents and community entrusted the child to God's grace. In other words, Moses is so busy judging Pharaoh, he forgets he and his family need God's grace just as much as Pharaoh does. There are two ways we tend to presume on God's grace. Like Moses, we judge other people and do not acknowledge our own need for God's grace. Or, we presume on God's grace in thinking that our sin is too great for his grace to forgive.*

### II. Preservation

*God demonstrates his grace even more powerfully to Moses by preserving him and his firstborn son. God uses Moses' wife, Zipporah, to confer the covenant sign of circumcision on their son to preserve his life. All of Moses' presumption on grace and lack of faith in God ultimately killed God's firstborn son so that Moses could be forgiven and Moses' own firstborn son could be spared.*

## Discussion Questions

1. Two primary ways we presume on God's grace were mentioned. Which of them resonated most with you? How so?
2. When you presume on God's grace by judging others or believing you cannot be forgiven, how does it affect your relationship with others?
3. How does the gospel free you from being judgmental as well as from overwhelming guilt?
4. Are there any areas/circumstances in your life where you can tend to act as if God is not sovereignly in control of all things? If so, how?
5. Whether you are a parent or a covenant parent (by virtue of your membership in the church), what does this passage teach you about how we must approach parenting?