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# RE- FLECTING GOD

**05/31/17 - An Inexhaustible Resource**

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Isaiah 42:1-9

In June of 2016 Matt and Melissa Graves endured the greatest horror any parent can imagine. While visiting a Florida resort heir two-year old son, Lane, was snatched from ankle deep water by an alligator. Despite their valiant attempts to rescue the child he was pulled under water.

Many quickly pointed out that the man-made lagoon where this tragedy unfolded had few signs warning visitors of the danger from wildlife. A liability lawsuit seemed to be the likely outcome. However, just over a month later, the couple issued a statement. They acknowledged the ongoing anguish of the loss of their son and told of their desire to create a foundation in his name. They concluded, "In addition to the foundation, we will solely be focused on the future health of our family and will not be pursuing a lawsuit against [the resort owners]."\*

Mercy focuses on health and healing rather than retribution and rights. Those who give mercy discover it is an inexhaustible resource: The more given, the more received.

\*[www.washingtonpost.com/news/post-nation/wp/2016/07/20/broken-parents-wont-sue-disney-over-the-alligator-attack-that-left-their-toddler-dead/?utm\\_term=.f598841923d7](http://www.washingtonpost.com/news/post-nation/wp/2016/07/20/broken-parents-wont-sue-disney-over-the-alligator-attack-that-left-their-toddler-dead/?utm_term=.f598841923d7) (Accessed July 2016).

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