

# Message Notes & Thoughts

Passage: **Genesis 43-44**

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## Message Outline ...

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- **Who Judah has been:**
  - Judah in chapter 37:
    - Greedy (sold his brother)
    - Liar (lied to his Father)
    - Calloused (to Joseph's pain and Jacob's)
  - Judah in chapter 38:
    - Faithless (did not care about the promises)
    - Selfish (cares only his own line)
    - Licentious (prostitution)
- **Gospel Transformation shows up in:**
  - Deep Conviction over sin:
    - 2 Corinthians 7:9-10
    - Hosea 6:1
  - Visible Fruit:
    - The fruit of the Spirit is not a "To-Do" list that we seek to accomplish, but rather qualities we are granted because we possess Christ and He possesses us.
    - Colossians 1:9-12
  - Bold Declaration:
    - The Great Commission is a declaration with repentance at its core.
    - Matthew 28:18-20
  - New Identity:
    - Ephesians 2:1-2
    - I Corinthians 1:2-3
    - Ephesians 2:10
    - Romans 5:17
    - Ephesians 1:6

**Questions for Growth ...**

Re-read Genesis chapter 43-44 ~

- ◆ What important lesson did you learn from today's message?  
(You can find the message to re-listen at <https://ridgelinecc.org/messages/>)
  
- ◆ Quickly Read the story of the prodigal son in **Luke 15**. What comparison(s) to this situation can you find?
  
- ◆ How did Joseph bring his brothers to a place of confession?
  
- ◆ In what way(s) does a Joseph's conduct mirror how God pursues us to tell the truth about our real need? Salvation does not come from works but from ...? (Ephesians 2:8-9)
  
- ◆ What are the main points of Jacob's prayer in Gen 43:14? How does his prayer reflect the change in his personality and view of God in his old age?
  
- ◆ Much had changed since these brothers were foolish and jealous young men. They had learned a few things by experience. What would you say they had learned from watching someone else's pain?
  
- ◆ God our Father pursues us for a deep, close relationship with Him. What often keeps us from a life that is walking close to His character? What do you need to release to Him in order for Him to have his way in your life?