

“Second Chances” • Genesis 44

Mt. Lassen Community Church • November 30, 2025

Intro • Do you tend to live more in the past or in the future?

44:1-2 • Joseph hides his silver goblet in Benjamin’s grain. This is a setup. He needs to see how his brothers will _____

Vs 3–6 • Joseph’s steward comes to arrest them, accusing them of theft

Vs 7–9 • The brothers defend their innocence, presumptuously offering to kill any guilty brother

Vs 10 • The steward tones down the threat—the guilty brother will only be taken into slavery. This is to protect Benjamin from harm.

Vs 11–13 • The silver cup is found in Ben’s bag. The brothers are dismayed. Notice the last phrase: *they return to the city*. This wasn’t required. They could have gone free. We are seeing _____

Vs 14–16 • Judah is now the spokesman. This chapter is about him!

Vs 17 • Joseph says they can go free, but Ben is now his slave.

Vs 19–32 • (summary) Judah relates the events of chapter 42 & 43.

Vs 33–34 • “Take me instead of him!” Remarkable! Judah thinks Benjamin is guilty, yet is willing to _____
Compare Judah here to chapter 38: _____

And compare Judah to chapter 37, concerning Jacob: _____

41:1–3 • Joseph can finally reveal himself to his brothers.

*The big lesson of Genesis 44 → God loves to give **SECOND CHANCES**.*

“He loves to give us a win where we had previously had a defeat!”

Three options to deal with past failures—

1 • Ignore it. Pretend it never happened. _____

2 • Let your past failures define you, shame you, or limit you. _____

3 • Let your past failures define _____! In terms of: _____

God’s grace gives us a redo in our greatest flubs.

Moses got a redo from _____

King David got a redo from _____

Jonah got a redo from _____

Woman in John 8 got a redo from _____

The Prodigal Son got a redo from _____

The Apostle Paul got a redo from _____

John 21 • Peter got a redo from _____

Notes: _____

Proof that God is offering you a REDO = Jesus’ tomb is _____

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*EPHESIANS 5:6 • FOR YOU WERE
FORMERLY DARKNESS, BUT NOW YOU
ARE LIGHT IN THE LORD; WALK AS
CHILDREN OF LIGHT*

Today's Sermon –

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Upcoming Events –

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December 2 & 9 Can food drive

December 2 at 5:30 PM – Christmas get together

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