

THE STUDY OF

# GENESIS

"IN THE BEGINNING GOD CREATED  
THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH."

# Cup, Confession, & Change

## Genesis 44



# THE REDEMPTION STORY: FROM GENESIS TO JESUS

- The Bible is one beautiful story of Jesus and redemption (Ephesians 1:7-10)
- Scripture presents a purposeful narrative revealing God's redemptive plan (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

# Big Picture

- Redeemer/Seed Hunt Gen. 3:15; 12:1-3 (There is one Hero... Jesus)
- Past promises point to future faithfulness, different times - same Lord
- Continuity — From Abraham to Christ (Heb 11:13–16; Gal 3:29)



# Catching Up

1. Joseph So Far...
2. Favored son with dreams (Gen. 37)
3. Betrayed by brothers
4. Sold for 20 pieces of silver
5. Slave in Egypt
6. Falsely accused / imprisoned
7. God was with Joseph

# Catching Up

8. Raised to ruler under Pharaoh (Gen. 41)

9. Brothers bow before him (Gen. 42)

10. Simeon held / Benjamin demanded

11. Brothers and Ben return and Table Test

Now: Have they really changed?

## Genesis 44:1-17 NKJV

(3) As soon as the morning dawned, the men were sent away, they and their donkeys. (4) When they had gone out of the city, and were not yet far off, Joseph said to his steward, "Get up, follow the men; and when you overtake them, say to them, 'Why have you repaid evil for good?'"

## Genesis 44:1-17 NKJV

(5) 'Is not this the one from which my lord drinks, and with which he indeed practices divination? You have done evil in so doing.'

" (6) So he overtook them, and he spoke to them these same words. (7) And they said to him, "Why does my lord say these words? Far be it from us that your servants should do such a thing.

## Genesis 44:1-17 NKJV

(8) "Look, we brought back to you from the land of Canaan the money which we found in the mouth of our sacks. How then could we steal silver or gold from your lord's house? (9) "With whomever of your servants it is found, let him die, and we also will be my lord's slaves."

## Genesis 44:1-17 NKJV

(10) And he said, "Now also let it be according to your words; he with whom it is found shall be my slave, and you shall be blameless." (11) Then each man speedily let down his sack to the ground, and each opened his sack.

## Genesis 44:1-17 NKJV

(12) So he searched. He began with the oldest and left off with the youngest; and the cup was found in Benjamin's sack.

(13) Then they tore their clothes, and each man loaded his donkey and returned to the city.

## Genesis 44:1-17 NKJV

(14) So Judah and his brothers came to Joseph's house, and he was still there; and they fell before him on the ground.

(15) And Joseph said to them, "What deed is this you have done? Did you not know that such a man as I can certainly practice divination?"

## Genesis 44:1-17 NKJV

(16) Then Judah said, "What shall we say to my lord? What shall we speak? Or how shall we clear ourselves? God has found out the iniquity of your servants; here we are, my lord's slaves, both we and he also with whom the cup was found."

## Genesis 44:1-17 NKJV

(17) But he said, "Far be it from me that I should do so; the man in whose hand the cup was found, he shall be my slave. And as for you, go up in peace to your father."

**v.1-17 Grace Exposes What We Hide**

**Pressure Reveals What Rules the Heart**

**God Exposes to Heal Ps. 32:3–5**

**-Luke 6:45**

**Out of the abundance of the heart...**

**(James 1:2–4; 2 Cor. 5:17)**



## Genesis 44:13-32 NKJV

(18) Then Judah came near to him and said: "O my lord, please let your servant speak a word in my lord's hearing, and do not let your anger burn against your servant; for you are even like Pharaoh. (19) "My lord asked his servants, saying, 'Have you a father or a brother?'

## Genesis 44:13-32 NKJV

20) "And we said to my lord, 'We have a father, an old man, and a child of his old age, who is young; his brother is dead, and he alone is left of his mother's children, and his father loves him.' (21) "Then you said to your servants, 'Bring him down to me, that I may set my eyes on him.'

## Genesis 44:13-32 NKJV

(22) "And we said to my lord, 'The lad cannot leave his father, for if he should leave his father, his father would die.'

(23) "But you said to your servants, 'Unless your youngest brother comes down with you, you shall see my face no more.'

## Genesis 44:13-32 NKJV

(24) "So it was, when we went up to your servant my father, that we told him the words of my lord. (25) "And our father said, 'Go back and buy us a little food.' (26) "But we said, 'We cannot go down; if our youngest brother is with us, then we will go down; for we may not see the man's face unless our youngest brother is with us.'

## Genesis 44:13-32 NKJV

27) "Then your servant my father said to us,  
'You know that my wife bore me two sons;  
(28) 'and the one went out from me, and I  
said, "Surely he is torn to pieces"; and I  
have not seen him since. (29) 'But if you  
take this one also from me, and calamity  
befalls him, you shall bring down my gray  
hair with sorrow to the grave.'

## Genesis 44:13-32 NKJV

(30) "Now therefore, when I come to your servant my father, and the lad is not with us, since his life is bound up in the lad's life,

(31) "it will happen, when he sees that the lad is not with us, that he will die. So your servants will bring down the gray hair of your servant our father with sorrow to the grave.

## Genesis 44:13-32 NKJV

(32) "For your servant became surety for the lad to my father, saying, 'If I do not bring him back to you, then I shall bear the blame before my father forever.'

# v.13-32 Humility Inward - Love Outward

Grace Changes What We Love Matt. 6:21

What benefits *me*? vs What blesses *them*?

Immaturity looks outward first.

Maturity looks inward first.

Matt. 7:3–5; 1 John 3:14; Ps. 139:23–24



## Genesis 44:33-34 NKJV

(33) "Now therefore, please let your servant remain instead of the lad as a slave to my lord, and let the lad go up with his brothers.

(34) "For how shall I go up to my father if the lad is not with me, lest perhaps I see the evil that would come upon my father?"

**v.33-34 Take me instead**

**Evidence of a new creation**

2 Cor. 5:17; 2 Cor. 5:21; 1 Pet. 3:18

**Jesus the Greater Judah**

Matt. 26:39

Let this cup pass from Me...

# We Deserve the Cup

Cup = wrath / judgment

Benjamin could not remove the cup.

Neither can we.

Christ drank it for us.

Psalm 75:8

Isa. 51:17

Jer. 25:15



# **1st Takeaway = Embrace Confession**

God exposes not to shame—but to free.

## **Call to Action:**

What are you hiding, minimizing, justifying, or postponing?

Bring it into the light this week.

**1 John 1:9** - He is faithful to forgive

**2nd Takeaway = Inward before Outward**

**Matthew 7:3–5** - First remove the plank from your own eye...

**Call to Action:**

**Humility** - what does God want to do in me? (inward)

**Love** - What does God want to do through me? (Outward)

## **3rd Takeaway = Model Sacrificial Love**

**John 15:13**- Greater love has no one than this...

**Ephesians 5:2** - Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave Himself for us.

### **Call to Action:**

Who in your life needs sacrificial love this week?



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# Joseph as a Typology of Jesus

1. Beloved Son = Matt. 3:17
2. Sent by the Father = John 6:38
3. Rejected by His Own = John 1:11
4. Betrayed for Silver = Matt. 26:14–15
5. Delivered to the Gentiles = Matt.  
20:18–19
6. Stripped = Matt. 27:28, 35

7. Falsely Accused = Matt. 26:59–60
8. Numbered with Transgressors = Isa. 53:12;  
Luke 23:32–33
9. One Saved, One Condemned = Luke  
23:39–43
10. Exalted to the Right Hand of God = Acts  
2:33; Heb. 1:3
11. Bread for the Nations = John 6:35
12. Forgave His Betrayers = Luke 23:34

# HEAT - THORNS - CROSS - FRUIT

**Heat** = pressure, trials, difficulty (Ps. 88; James 1:1-15)

**Thorns** = our sin, flesh response (Eph. 4-6; Heb. 4:14-5:10)

# HEAT - THORNS - CROSS - FRUIT

**Cross** = God's gospel transformative power, changes our focus from self to Jesus, (Rom 1:16; 2 Peter 1:1-11)

**Fruit** = the new right, Holy Spirit, Grace-empowered response to life's struggles. (Ps. 1; Gal 5:22)