

LIVING with INTEGRITY

Repentance
Message 6

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► Outline

“Prove by the way you live that you have repented of your sins and turned to God. . . .”

Luke 3:8 (NLT)

A. Introduction

(Genesis 43. C/R: Genesis 37:26-27; Luke 3:8)

B. Recognizing repentance...

(Genesis 44)

1. Answer accusations _____.

**(Genesis 44:1-10. C/R: Galatians 6:1; James 1:20;
1 Peter 2:12)**

2. Accept examination _____. **(Genesis 44:11-13. C/R: Proverbs 28:13; James 5:19-20)**

3. Admit sin _____. **(Genesis 44:14-17. C/R: 2 Corinthians 7:11; James 5:16)**

4. Authenticate change through _____. **(Genesis 44:18-34. C/R: John 15:13; Romans 6:11-13; 1 John 3:16)**

Answers: 1. humbly 2. willingly 3. honestly 4. actions

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► Discussion Guide

Use this guide by yourself or with friends to pursue a deeper relationship with Jesus. To connect with others, visit brookwoodchurch.org/adults.

Conversation Starter

When you think of someone with godly character, who comes to mind?

Begin your study with prayer

Pause for a few minutes to quiet your heart and mind. Then ask God for insight and direction as you study and reflect on this week's lesson.

Bible Study and Group Discussion

Read [Genesis 43](#).

1. Why do you think Joseph felt the need to continue testing his brothers rather than confronting them with their wrongdoing?
2. Do you think he was wrong by continuing to test them?

Read [Genesis 44](#).

3. Joseph sent his palace manager to test his brothers ([vs. 1-10](#)). How did they respond?
4. What was Joseph hoping would happen?
5. Describe a time your character was tested. How did you respond?
6. What emotions do you think Joseph's brothers wrestled with as they loaded their donkeys to return to the city ([vs. 11-13](#))?
7. In your own words, what does true repentance look like?
8. Judah insisted their innocence before Joseph, yet also said he felt God was punishing them for their past sins. Why do you think Joseph didn't ask him what sins he was talking about and expose him right then?

9. Describe a time you felt convicted of sin. What actions did you take to resolve the situation? Did you end up feeling closer to God or further away?
10. Judah was willing to sacrifice his entire future in order to safely return Benjamin to his father. Do you think he was trying to fulfill his promise to Jacob or to clear his conscience from past sins?
11. How do you think Joseph felt after hearing Judah's willingness to trade his own life for the sake of his father? Did Joseph get what he wanted?
12. What spiritual truths do you learn from this week's lesson?

Spiritual Practice

A spiritual practice is training for the soul. By building these into your everyday life, you're sure to strengthen your relationship with God.

One habit that helps us grow spiritually is sharing with others what we're learning and what God is doing in our lives. With a friend or in your group, share what God is teaching you and how He's working in your life.

Memory Verse

For the kind of sorrow God wants us to experience leads us away from sin and results in salvation. There's no regret for that kind of sorrow. But worldly sorrow, which lacks repentance, results in spiritual death. [2 Corinthians 7:10 \(NLT\)](#)

Daily Reading

- Day 1: [Galatians 6:1](#) Day 4: [1 John 3:16](#)
Day 2: [Proverbs 28:13](#) Day 5: [John 15:13](#)
Day 3: [James 5:16](#)

Prepare for Next Sunday

Next Sunday, March 6, we'll continue our series *Living with Integrity*. To prepare, read [Genesis 44:18-34](#) and [45](#).



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