



Grace Assembly Of God

Chapter-By-Chapter Bible Reading Devotional

Scripture:	Genesis 44	Title:	Repent & Reconcile
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Summary of Chapter:	In Genesis chapter 44, Joseph's brothers came to Egypt for the second time to buy food. While the brothers were leaving the next day, Joseph's steward caught up with them and accused them of stealing Joseph's silver cup. They pledged that if anyone had stolen the cup, they would all become Joseph's slaves. In the end, Benjamin was caught with the cup, and Joseph demanded to keep only him as his slave. This was when Judah spoke up, and pleaded for himself to take the place of Benjamin instead.		
Key Verses (NLT):	How does it speak to me?		
³³ "So please, my lord, let me stay here as a slave instead of the boy, and let the boy return with his brothers. ³⁴ For how can I return to my father if the boy is not with me? I couldn't bear to see the anguish this would cause my father!"	To save Benjamin, Judah was willing to take the punishment on his behalf. He would not abandon Benjamin. Joseph knew that his brothers had learned from their mistakes. Their repentance led to forgiveness and reconciliation. In my previous company, there were constant disagreements and arguments between a project manager and me over a project. I repented before the Lord and sought His forgiveness for not being a good witness for Christ. On an MRT ride, I met her and found out that she was a backslidden Christian and was facing some family issues. We talked and our friendship was restored. Matthew 5:23-24 reminds us that, if we remember someone has something against us, we should leave the sacrifice there at the altar, go and be reconciled to that person. Then come and offer the sacrifice to God. If we are holding on to some unforgiveness today, let's repent before the Lord. Forgive as the Lord forgave us. And ask God for a reconciliation. Do this in obedience, and for the glory of God. Because, obedience is better than sacrifice.		
APPLICATION QUESTIONS:			
Adult:	As we do our quiet time today, is there someone you have yet to forgive? God's Word reminds us that we should leave the sacrifice at the altar, go and be reconciled to that person first, then come and offer the sacrifice to God. Would you obey God, and choose repentance and reconciliation first?		
Youth:	Is there anyone, whom you think you need to make the first move to apologize and reconcile, regardless of who's in the right or wrong?		
Child:	Let's make a pot of 'Friendship Soup' together as a family. View: https://bit.ly/2XBsxjl for an idea. What do you think are key ingredients to make a good pot of 'friendship soup'?		
PRAYER:			
Praying Scripture:	Dear heavenly Father, thank You for Your Word. We want to come before You today. Search our hearts for any unforgiveness. We want to repent before You for holding on to unforgiveness. Help us to obey Your Word, and seek reconciliation, because You desire our obedience more than sacrifice. We want to give You all the praise and all the glory, in Jesus' Name, Amen.		
Thanksgiving Prayer:	I/We thank you for _____ (e.g. delicious food they ate, places they went, prayer that is answered, etc)		
Intercessory Prayer:	I/We want to pray for _____ (e.g. healing of sickness, family members, work or study, leaders, nation, etc)		
Salvation Prayer:	I/We pray for the salvation of my/our unsaved loved ones _____ (can add one name per day). In Jesus Name I/we pray. Amen.		

