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## Informer



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### The Ability to Change

**Genesis 44:33** *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.*

Within the story of Joseph we see jealousy, hatred, and total disregard for Joseph's life in the actions of his brothers. We see these things especially in the actions of Judah. He is the one who wants to sell his brother into slavery in Genesis 37:26. I could only imagine hearing my brothers make a deal with foreign traders to sell me as a slave for 20 shekels of silver. This memory must have followed Joseph for years. It is a sad commentary on the mindset of Judah, but within this story we also see the ability of Judah to change.

In Genesis 42-45, you see Joseph meeting his brothers again after 20 years, and testing them to see whether or not they have changed, and they have. These brothers have grown older and you see in their discussions they have been haunted by the memory of Joseph pleading with them when they sold him into slavery (Genesis 42:21). However, the most touching moment is when we see Judah's change of heart toward his brother Benjamin. Benjamin has now become the favorite of his father, but instead of jealousy and bitterness Judah now shows care, protection, and sacrifice as he begs Joseph to allow him to go to prison instead of his younger brother. Isn't it wonderful that people can change! What can we do with this example? If you are headed in a direction that is not right, make a change. If you have loved ones who have left the Lord remember, don't give up. People can change! Joseph's brothers have changed over time and they pass the test. Let's always remember the Lord is not looking at our past as much as He is looking at our decisions today. So, let's always look to make a change for the better. See you Sunday.

John

### Are You The One?

**Luke 7:20** *When the men came to Jesus, they said, "John the Baptist sent us to you to ask, 'Are you the one who was to come, or should we expect someone else?'"*

John the Baptist was the forerunner of Jesus Christ. He announced the Lord as the Lamb of God. John realized his significance paled in comparison to Jesus when he stated that he was not worthy even to take the sandals off of Jesus' feet. John would tell anyone who would listen that the kingdom was at hand. He boldly proclaimed the need for repentance. Along the way, his preaching stirred up some trouble and he ended up in prison. Scriptures do not reveal how long he was confined but it seems to be quite some time (months). During this time, he did a lot of reflecting but seems to be questioning the efforts of his work. He sent two disciples to Jesus to ask if he really was the Messiah or should they expect someone else. This questioning seems strange since previously John had so boldly proclaimed Jesus to the Jewish nation.

Jesus gave a reply to these two men to deliver to John. These men had seen what Jesus did: the blind received their sight, the lame walked, those with leprosy were healed, the deaf could now hear, the dead were raised and the good news was preached to the poor. This was the evidence that John needed. These facts all point to Jesus being the Son of God and the Messiah that was promised for so long. Jesus did conclude his remarks with a statement for John as well as us today. "Blessed is the man who does not fall away on account of me." John's freedom was taken away but he was not to lose faith. This is a valuable lesson to learn. No matter what may come our way, stay strong in the belief that Jesus is the Son of God. The evidence proves it completely.

Joe

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**WORSHIP LEADERS FEBRUARY 4, 2018**

**SUNDAY 9:00 A.M**

Welcome.....Jerry Wilson  
 Song Leader: .....Kevin Mick  
 Prayer:.....Jody Pritchett  
 Lord's Supper: Presiding.....Byran Farris  
                   Chris Mobley                  Ed Hargrove  
                   Tommy Skelley                  Sonny Hargrove  
                   John Allen Thomas                  Colton Hixson  
                   Conner Arnett                  Tracey Wilkins  
 Read: Luke 10:1-3.....Greg Grey  
 Sermon: Follow the Leader - How to make Disciples...John Thomas  
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Jerry Wilson

**SUNDAY 5:30 P.M.**

Welcome/Song Leader.....Blair Keeling  
 Prayer.....Andrew Sullivan  
 Read: Genesis 28:10-15.....Trent Thomason  
 Sermon: Wherever You Go.....Joe Macer  
 Presiding.....Gary Boyd  
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Ryan Grice

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A.M.....Teri Wilkins, Jan Thomason  
 P.M.....Lisa Kelley

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 6:30 P.M.**

Song Leader: .....Jacob Pollard  
 Prayer:.....Logan Prentice  
 Announcements/Speaker:.....Daniel Thomas