Sermon Outline

July 13 – "A Changed Heart" Genesis 43:1 – 44:34

- ✤ The test continues:
 - A five-fold portion and a silver cup
- Judah's changed heart
- ✤ The Double-cure
 - \circ $\;$ Atonement and the covering of sin $\;$
 - o All things new
- ✤ A new identity

Points to Ponder to Prepare

July 20 – "Reconciliation" Genesis 45:1 – 46:7

This week we arrive at the climax of the story of Joseph and his brothers.

- Joseph sees that Judah and his brother's had really changed. This makes possible a renewed relationship of love.
- Describe the powerful emotions of the scene when Joseph reveals himself, especially in verses 12-15.
- What plan does Joseph put into action for his family? What signs are there in the story that God is blessing this plan?
- What does it mean in v. 27 that Jacob's soul "revived"? (literally "lived again")
- The geography of Jacob's dream is significant. Beersheba is the southern boundary of the promised land. If Jacob went any farther he would be leaving the land of covenant promise. What assurance does God give him?

Scripture readings for the week

Sunday July 13 Monday July 14 Tuesday July 15 Wednesday July 16 Thursday July 17 Friday July 18 Saturday July 19 Sunday July 20

Romans 1:1-17 Romans 1:18-32 Romans 2:1-24 Romans 2:25 – 3:8 Romans 3:9-31 Romans 4:1-12 Romans 4:13 – 5:5 Romans 5:6-21

Prayer Focus

This week let's thank God for our many opportunities to serve in short-term mission trips and projects:

- ✤ Youth Summer mission project
- Costa Rica trip
- ✤ Project Canefire
- ✤ Spring break trips
 - NMC to the Dominican Rep
 - o Mississippi Trip
- ① Individual trips and projects

Pleas ask God's blessing on the summer mission work project. We will be travelling to Chicago in August to work with our missionary partners, John and Ruth Hoekwater.

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Summer mission work project

We are bringing a group of adults and youth to Chicago's Rogers Park neighborhood on the northwest side from August 6-10. We will be serving with a number of the non-profits and community groups that John and Ruth Hoekwater partner with.

- Prayers for the physical stuff of the trip:
 - o Traveling mercies
 - $\circ \quad \text{Good health} \quad$
 - $\circ \quad \text{Productive work} \\$
 - Workplace safety
 - \circ Food and accommodations
- ✤ Prayers for our spiritual experience
 - o That we will see and learn and discover
 - That we will have joy in service
 - Friendships, relationships and connections
 - \circ $\;$ Come close to the heart of God.