

Sermon Outline

July 6 – “Bitter Fruit”

Genesis 41:53 – 42:38

- ✝ Good works all things together for good.
 - The first trip to Egypt
 - Dreams fulfilled

✝ Joseph’s Test

✝ Bitter Fruit

- Blaming themselves (v. 21)
- Blaming God (v. 21)
- Blaming each other (v.22)
- Sorrow (v. 24)
- Anxiety, stress, fear (v. 28)
- Hopelessness (v. 36)
- Trust in self
- Grief (v. 38)

✝ The Gift of God

Points to Ponder to Prepare

July 13 – “A Changed Heart”

Genesis 43:1 – 44:34

- ✝ One of the roots of trouble in Jacob’s family is his toxic favoritism for Rachel’s sons, Joseph and Benjamin. Is there any sign in the story that this has changed?

- ✝ Which of the brothers had been in charge when Joseph was sold? (See Genesis 37:26-27.) Who speaks for the brothers now?

- ✝ What had been Judah’s attitude towards his father’s favoritism before?

- ✝ When Joseph hands him a perfect opportunity to be rid of Benjamin too, how does he now respond?

- ✝ What has made the difference for Judah and the other brothers?

Scripture readings for the week

Sunday July 6	Acts 23:11-35
Monday July 7	Acts 24:1-27
Tuesday July 8	Acts 25:1-22
Wednesday July 9	Acts 25:23 – 26:32
Thursday July 10	Acts 27:1-26
Friday July 11	Acts 27:27 – 28:10
Saturday July 12	Acts 28:11-31
Sunday July 13	Romans 1:1-17

Prayer Focus

Please pray for folks who are dealing with cancer. It is a risk to list names, because so many folks could be included. Please pray for all those you know walking this difficult journey.

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- ✝ **Colter Bailey** – Has neuroblastoma, a serious form of childhood cancer. Each round of chemo for Colter is five days inpatient at Devos Children’s Hospital. He just finished his second round. Please pray that he does well at home and does not have fevers, infections or other complications.
- ✝ **Jodi Mosher** – Her cancer is widespread and has not responded well to the chemotherapy. She has been having heart/lung complications that have led to shortness of breath and needing to have fluid drained off her lungs. The next step is a “reset” on her treatment plan. They are heading down next week to a major health center in Texas for a week of testing and consultations.
- ✝ **Amanda Barton** – Is about three quarters of the way through her first three-month cycle of chemo treatments. They seem to be working well to shrink the tumors. At the end of July she will transition to her second three-month cycle of treatments. Surgery will follow towards the end of the year. Her main side-effect of the chemo is fatigue, but she has been able to continue working and seeing patients.
- ✝ **Carrie Rozeveld’s sister, Shawna** – Shawna had surgery this week (July 3) to remove a cancer tumor on her pancreas.

- ✝ **Keith and Carol Buning’s niece, Suzie** – Her cancer journey has taken a turn and her homegoing is probably getting close, within weeks or months. She is receiving palliative care and living life to the full.
- ✝ **Steve Herweyer** - Had surgery to remove prostate cancer. The doctors are confident that all the cancer was removed. They will be monitoring him closely to see if further treatment will be needed.
- ✝ **Pastor Steve Boven** - Had good test results on the pathology from when the cancer was removed last month. It does not appear that his cancer had spread at all.
- ✝ **Pastor John Kostelyk** - Is doing well following his stem cell transplant last month.