

Genesis 44

Reality TV how do people react to certain situations, manufactured setting by Joseph, how do the brothers react to the exact same situation, sell the boy into slavery?

Joseph wants to apply pressure in the same manner they previously failed, to see if they have learnt from their past sins.

Who has stolen something from the Queen of England?

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Edward Jones “Boy Jones”- In 1838, aged approximately 14, Jones entered Buckingham Palace disguised as a chimney sweep. He was caught by a porter in the Marble Hall and, after a chase, captured by the police in St James's Street, with Queen Victoria's underwear stuffed down his trousers

P.C. required to resign for stealing towels at Buckingham Palace: -1915

A former porter at Buckingham Palace pleaded guilty Monday to stealing a 17th century painting worth \$550,000 from the royal collection. Duncan Gray, 22, was arrested shortly after the theft in January. Gray also admitted taking a \$6,000 19th-century rose bowl and cutlery worth \$230.-July 1994

The Passage.

Accuses of sins of ingratitude, theft and apostasy.

None of the older brothers thought Benjamins character was such that he would conduct himself in such a manner.

Now is their chance to get rid of him!!!!

Their reaction- "Rent their clothes"-

Joseph did not need the cup to carry out his gift of divination.

Judah recognises the justice that for selling Joseph, they all deserve to become slaves in this land.

Judah now comes to the front, (for helping prevent Joseph death?), to taking the blame for his brother

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Judah now seals why they Messiah comes through his line.

"Substitutionary atonement, also called vicarious atonement, is the idea that Jesus died "for us." There is also a less technical use of the term "substitution" in discussion about atonement when it is used in "the sense that [Jesus, through his death,] did for us that which we can never do for ourselves".

The English word 'atonement' originally meant "at-one-ment", i.e. being "at one", in harmony, with someone. According to Collins English Dictionary, it is used to describe the redemption through Jesus' death and resurrection, to reconcile the world to himself, and also of the state of a person having been reconciled to God.

The word "atonement" often is used in the Old Testament to translate the Hebrew words *kipper* and *kippurim*, which mean 'propitiation' or 'expiation'. The word occurs in the KJV in Romans 5:11 and has the basic meaning of *reconciliation*. In the Old Testament (Hebrew Bible or Tanakh), atonement was accomplished by the sacrifice of specified animals such as lambs to pay for one's sins.

According to Pate, the Jewish scriptures describe three types of vicarious atonement: the Paschal Lamb; "the sacrificial system as a whole," with the Day of Atonement as the most essential element; and the idea of the suffering servant (Isaiah 42:1-9, 49:1-6, 50:4-11, 52:13-53:12)"-wikipedia

Reconciled to his brothers, the stage is set!!!

The family now at last operating as they were always meant to.

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Romans 5:6-10 (NLT) When we were utterly helpless, Christ came at just the right time and died for us sinners. 7 Now, most people would not be willing to die for an upright person, though someone might perhaps be willing to die for a person who is especially good. 8 But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners. 9 And since we have been made right in God's sight by the blood of Christ, he will certainly save us from God's condemnation. 10 For since our friendship with God was restored by the death of his Son while we were still his enemies, we will certainly be saved through the life of his Son.

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see 1 John 3:16

1 John 3:16 (NLT) We know what real love is because Jesus gave up his life for us. So we also ought to give up our lives for our brothers and sisters.

1 John 3:17 (NLT) If someone has enough money to live well and sees a brother or sister in need but shows no compassion—how can God's love be in that person?

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1 John 3:18-24 (NLT) Dear children, let's not merely say that we love each other; let us show the truth by our actions. 19 Our actions will show that we belong to the truth, so we will be confident when we stand before God. 20 Even if we feel guilty, God is greater than our feelings, and he knows everything.

21 Dear friends, if we don't feel guilty, we can come to God with bold confidence. 22 And we will receive from him whatever we ask because we obey him and do the things that please him.

23 And this is his commandment: We must believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another, just as he commanded us. 24 Those who obey God's commandments remain in fellowship with him, and he with them. And we know he lives in us because the Spirit he gave us lives in us.

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John 15:12-15 (NLT) This is my commandment: Love each other in the same way I have loved you. 13 There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends. 14 You are my friends if you do what I command. 15 I no longer call you slaves, because a master doesn't confide in his slaves. Now you are my friends, since I have told you everything the Father told me.

Where Mercy shines brightest.

God wants the best for us, and the best is within his will, he offers opportunity for us to be reconciled, he does so by covering over the sin of our lives, by going through with the sacrifice that sets the way for us to have the life we were always meant to experience, now it is for us to walk in that blessing, by learning, listening and applying the truth of his word.

Application.

We are unlikely to be called to the ultimate sacrifice or giving our physical life for another. The attitude however is to be demonstrated in humble servanthood. In many ways a more difficult proposition. It is however the one in which we have been called if we have accept the offer of the kingdom of God.

Jesus had a task placed on him by his Father.

We have tasks placed upon us by Jesus.

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What is your ministry?

Romans 12:6-8 (NLT) In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well. So if God has given you the ability to prophesy, speak out with as much faith as God has given you. 7 If your gift is serving others, serve them well. If you are a teacher, teach well. 8 If your gift is to encourage others, be encouraging. If it is giving, give generously. If God has given you leadership ability, take the responsibility seriously. And if you have a gift for showing kindness to others, do it gladly.

Identify your ministry(ies), and put them into practice.