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Order of Worship 13 February 2022 The Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

We Gather to Worship God

Welcome Worship in Song Call to Worship Worship in Song

We Listen to the Scriptures

Prayer Sermon Series: Start Dreaming Again Sermon: Part Seven - "Starting Over"

We Come to the Table

Prayer of Confession and Consecration The Lord's Prayer We Eat and Drink Together We Celebrate the Eucharist in Song

We Go to Live in the Reign of God

Community Life Doxology Blessing and Sending







Doggy Bag: Something to take home and chew on!



- 1. What thoughts, images, or feelings do the words "Starting Over" conjure up for you? Why?
- 2. Why did Judah need to own his part in the story? When have you seen someone repeat mistakes from the past because that person didn't take ownership of their part in them?
- 3. Do you agree that blame enables us to smuggle our issues into the future? Why or why not?
- 4. Why is our identity so important? Why do you think it was important for Joseph to share his true identity now?
- 5. How often do you wish things were like they were in the past? Do you tend to focus on the highlights or the difficult parts? What "new place" is God calling you to live in?
- 6. How do you see God's grace reflected this part of the story and what Joseph, his brothers, and their dad do to start over? Where do you see a precursor for Christ and the gospel?

If you'd like to talk personally and confidentially w/ Pastor Kris about your relationship with Christ, please email pastorkris@tablelifechurch.org or call 717-774-6444 to set up an appointment.



Start Dreaming Again Part Seven-"Starting Over" Pastor Kris Beckert

In what area of life are you starting over or need to start over?

I. A Look at Judah:

- Who is he?
- Convinces father (Jacob) to ______

Genesis 43:8-10 Then Judah said to Israel his father, "Send the boy along with me and we will go at once, so that we and you and our children may live and not die. ⁹I myself will guarantee his safety; you can hold me personally responsible for him. If I do not bring him back to you and set him here before you, I will bear the blame before you all my life. ¹⁰ As it is, if we had not delayed, we could have gone and returned twice."

• Joseph hides a _____ in Benjamin's bag, which is found

Genesis 44:16 "What can we say to my lord?" Judah replied. "What can we say? How can we prove our innocence? God has uncovered your servants' guilt. We are now my lord's slaves—we ourselves and the one who was found to have the cup." • Judah volunteers to take _____''s place

Genesis 44:33 "Now then, please let your servant remain here as my lord's slave in place of the boy, and let the boy return with his brothers..."

II. Starting Over Well:

Principle #1: _____

- Why?_____
- Confession—
- Repentance—

Principle #2: _____

Genesis 45:1-7 Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all his attendants, and he cried out, "Have everyone leave my presence!" So there was no one with Joseph when he made himself known to his brothers.² And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard him, and Pharaoh's household heard about it. ³ Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph! Is my father still living?" But his brothers were not able to answer him, because they were terrified at his presence. ⁴ Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come close to me." When they had done so, he said, "I am your brother Joseph, the one you sold into Egypt! ⁵ And now, do not be distressed and do not be angry with yourselves for selling me here, because it was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you. 6 For two years now there has

been famine in the land, and for the next five years there will be no plowing and reaping. ⁷ But God sent me ahead of you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to save your lives by a great deliverance.

Principle #3: _____

Genesis 45:16-20 When the news reached Pharaoh's palace that Joseph's brothers had come, Pharaoh and all his officials were pleased. ¹⁷ Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Tell your brothers, 'Do this: Load your animals and return to the land of Canaan, ¹⁸ and bring your father and your families back to me. I will give you the best of the land of Egypt and you can enjoy the fat of the land.' ¹⁹ "You are also directed to tell them, 'Do this: Take some carts from Egypt for your children and your wives, and get your father and come. ²⁰ Never mind about your belongings, because the best of all Egypt will be yours.'"

Genesis 46:2-4 And God spoke to Israel in a vision at night and said, "Jacob! Jacob!" "Here I am," he replied. ³ "I am God, the God of your father," he said. "Do not be afraid to go down to Egypt, for I will make you into a great nation there. ⁴ I will go down to Egypt with you, and I will surely bring you back again. And Joseph's own hand will close your eyes."

Big Idea: _____