

# Sermon Notes

**Sermon Series** Essentials

**Sermon Title** *Change*

1/22/2012

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TWENTY

FOCUSED ON  
**Essentials**

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TWELVE

**Genesis 41:51-52** “Joseph named his firstborn Manasseh and said, 'It is because God has made me forget all my trouble and all my father's household.' The second son he named Ephraim and said, 'It is because God has made me fruitful in the land of my suffering.’” (NIV)


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**Genesis 42:8-9** “Joseph knew they were his brothers, but they did not know who he was. And Joseph remembered his dreams about his brothers bowing to him. He said to them, 'You are spies! You came to learn where the nation is weak!’” (NCV)

**Genesis 42:10** “Your servants are honest men...” (NIV)

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**Genesis 41:52** “The second son he named Ephraim and said, 'It is because God has made me fruitful in the land of my suffering.’” (NIV)  
Zechariah 9:12 “Return to your fortress, O prisoners of hope; even now I announce that I will restore twice as much to you.” (NIV)

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**Genesis 50:20** “You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.” (NIV)

- 1-Trouble
- 2-Transformation
  - Faithful
  - Courageous
  - Trusting
- 3-Twice Fruitful



*“In profound appreciation for the boll weevil and what it has done to herald prosperity.”*



from the sermon, *Change*  
in the series, **Essentials**

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*Don't do it to get done, do it to grow.  
Focus on those Q's that produce fruitful discussion.*

**Priming The Pump - Fillin' in some gaps...**

...two attitudes toward sin we saw from Joe and Joe's bros...

**Gen. 37:24,25**

*"they took him and threw him into the pit...Then they sat down to eat a meal..."*

**Gen. 39:5**

*"how then could I do this great evil and sin against God" - Joseph responding to Potiphar's wife and proposal to "lie with me".*

*How would you characterize these two attitudes toward sin?*

Talk about what you think contributes to these two very distinct attitudes towards sin.

*What is your response to the Hebrews' seemingly endless (dirty) laundry list of sin that Genesis chronicles?*

*How do you think that **Gen. 49:28** might play into this?*

And again I go back to **Gen. 15:12-17** and the principles that are in those words from God to Abram...*how would these principles shape your thinking?*

**Overtime...**

not that anybody does anything for "extra credit"... but if you'd like to personally, or as a group, do some extra digging, or take on a challenge, here's a question: *What is the age difference between Joseph and Benjamin? And like school I'd like to see how you got the answer - just not, that it's a guess. Where can you find the clues to this answer in the Bible?* You're welcome to use other sources but start with the Bible alone and see what you come up with. This is an investigative type quest so enjoy the time it takes.

I would like to hear the answer you or your group comes up with.



**READING** for this coming week...

	DAY		
M	<b>16</b>	Jan 23 <i>Birth of Moses</i>	<b>Exodus 1:1-2:25</b>
T	<b>17</b>	Jan 24 <i>The Burning Bush</i>	<b>Exodus 3:1-4:17</b>
W	<b>18</b>	Jan 25 <i>The 10 Plagues</i>	<b>Exodus 6:28-11:10</b>
T	<b>19</b>	Jan 26 <i>Passover and Exodus</i>	<b>Exodus 12:1-42</b>
F	<b>20</b>	Jan 27 <i>Crossing the Red Sea</i>	<b>Exodus 13:17-14:31</b>