

Living into God's Story
A Story Progresses out of Need
Genesis 42:1-38

"Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death." (2 Corinthians 7:10 – NIV)

I. Meanwhile, Back at the Ranch (vs. 1-5)

II. Awakening Guilt (vs. 6-25)

III. Godly Fear and Sorrow (vs. 26-38)

"It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God." Heb. 10:31

"Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears relieved; how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed" John Newton

Point to Ponder: Could it be that we've been living life trying to forget the sin of our past – and hoping that God might do the same? That is a dead-end street, but there is a better way. 1 John 1:9 says: *"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."*

Next Week: Next Sunday we will continue our sermon series *Living Into God's Story* by considering **Genesis 43:1-34** 'A Story of Mercy, Peace, and Grace.'

