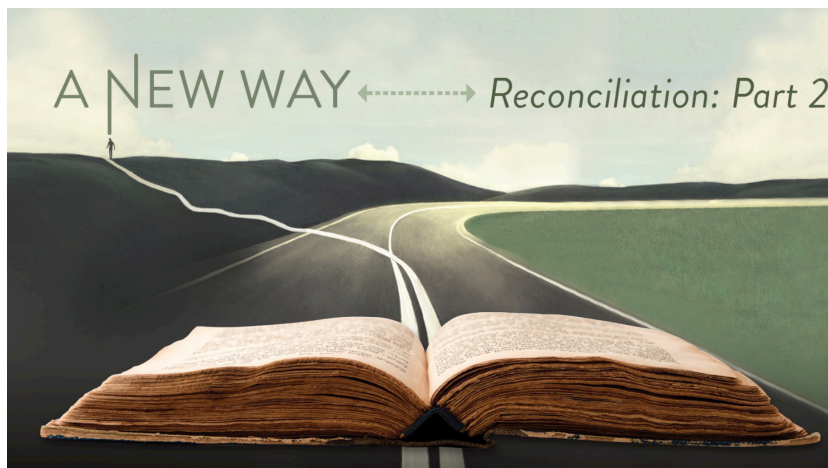




March 1 – 2, 2025

## Reconciliation: Part 2

Genesis 44:32 – 45:9



### MUSIC THIS WEEKEND

**CONTEMPORARY**  
SAT 5:30 pm | SUN 10:30 am

**Might Get Loud**

**Praise**

**Nothing Else**

**Battle Belongs**

**CLASSIC | SUN 8:45 am**  
**Arise, Your Light Has Come!**

**My Lighthouse**

**Rest On Us**

BELL ANTHEM: **Spirit of God, Descend**

**On Our Way Rejoicing**

MESSAGE: **Paul Dean**  
**Communion** (All Services)

### JOIN US FOR WORSHIP

**Classic: Sun 8:45 am | Contemporary: Sat 5:30 pm, Sun 10:30 am**  
Resources, livestreams, playlists and podcast links at [popmn.org](http://popmn.org)

**Ash Wednesday | Wednesday, March 5 | 7:00 pm**

We'll begin the journey of Lent together on Ash Wednesday.

**Artist in Residence: Jason Gray | Saturday, March 22 | 7:00 pm**

Join us for a free concert featuring singer-songwriter and Minnesota native Jason Gray. RSVP at [popmn.org/register](http://popmn.org/register).

### JOIN US FOR COMMUNITY

**Volunteer or Serve as a Substitute Teacher at CDLC Preschool**  
Contact Kim at [kswanson@popmn.org](mailto:kswanson@popmn.org) if you're interested.

**Family Ministry Flower Fundraiser | Presale orders due March 17**  
Order at [popmn.org/register](http://popmn.org/register) to support youth attending Wapo!

**Board of Directors Applications due March 31**

Would you like to help lead Prince of Peace? We're accepting Board of Directors applications until March 31: [popmn.org/leadership](http://popmn.org/leadership)

**Feed My Starving Children South Metro Meal Pack**  
Scan the QR code to make a donation towards POP's pledge of \$50,000 to the meal packing event.



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## Trust the Story | A New Way | Reconciliation, Part 2

Last week we talked about jealousy, and how it turned Joseph's brothers into pre-meditated murderers, then kidnappers, then slavers, then liars, then conspiracy creators. When jealousy starts eating away at you, you can become capable of all kinds of things.

- Think of a time when you've been jealous. How did it change your mood, your demeanor, your sleep, your relationships, your general way of being in the world? Did you do anything you regret?

It's Joseph's brother Judah who suggests that they throw Joseph into the pit (Genesis 37), and then sell him into slavery. Later on in the story, it's Judah who begs Joseph to spare the youngest brother, Benjamin, offering himself as collateral instead (Genesis 44). Judah goes from the malicious ringleader to the self-sacrificial son and brother. How does this enormous change happen?

Genesis 38 is a scandalous story rivaling a soap opera, and it takes place between the stories of Judah's malice towards Joseph and Judah's self sacrifice for Benjamin. In Genesis 38, we see Judah's cruelty and refusal to provide customary provision for his son's wife, Tamar.

In that time, it was customary for a widow to marry her late husband's brother in order to have children that would carry on the late husband's line. In that time, the only way for women to secure provision was to be married and have children. But when Tamar's husband dies, Judah denies her this custom and provision. A series of trysts and trickery ensues – including two dead husbands, abusive birth control, deceit, prostitution and disguises – until Judah's hypocrisy becomes public and he agrees to abide by the customs of the time. It is after these events that we first see Judah showing compassion for others.

- Why has Judah's heart transformed?  
Can hitting rock bottom tap into compassion you didn't know you had?  
Is there a way to bring forth compassion without experiencing trauma? Is it something we can practice?

Sacrificial love, the kind Judah shows for Benjamin in this story, brings a vulnerability that is honest and genuine enough for Joseph to recognize it. That is how the reconciliation can begin.

- What makes you hesitate to show that kind of vulnerability, that kind of recognition?  
Is there a situation begging you to let down your guard and show your vulnerability?  
Is there a relationship that is begging you to recognize someone else's vulnerability and sacrifice?  
How is God calling you into a new way? How does trusting God's story about you help?

Judah, the one who first sells his brother into slavery and later shows compassion for his family, is a direct ancestor of Jesus. He is the one brother in this story listed in Jesus' genealogy.

- Does this say something about who God chooses to be a part of the story?  
How does it feel knowing that the people God uses to advance God's work of love and restoration are far from perfect? Does that make it a better story? Why, or why not?  
What is required of you to participate in God's story?