

# LIVING with INTEGRITY

Reconciliation  
Message 5

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## ► Outline

*Do all that you can to live in peace with everyone.*

**Romans 12:18 (NLT)**

### A. Introduction

**(Genesis 42:1-7. C/R: Psalm 105:16-22)**

### B. Reconciliation requires...

**(Genesis 42:8-38)**

#### 1. Accusation of \_\_\_\_\_.

**(Genesis 42:8-13. C/R: Matthew 18:15; Galatians 6:1;  
2 Thessalonians 3:14-15; James 5:19-20)**

#### 2. Assessment of \_\_\_\_\_.

**(Genesis 42:14-20. C/R: Proverbs 10:9; Ephesians 4:15,25;  
Colossians 3:9)**

#### 3. Acknowledgement of \_\_\_\_\_.

**(Genesis 42:21-24. C/R: Proverbs 14:9; 28:13;  
James 5:16)**

#### 4. Appraisal of \_\_\_\_\_.

**(Genesis 42:25-38. C/R: Romans 12:18;  
2 Corinthians 5:17; Hebrews 12:14; 1 Peter 4:8)**

**Answers:** 1. offense 2. truthfulness 3. wrongs 4. change

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## ► Discussion Guide

Use this guide by yourself or with friends to pursue a deeper relationship with Jesus. To connect with others, visit [brookwoodchurch.org/adults](http://brookwoodchurch.org/adults).

### Conversation Starter

Describe a time it was difficult to admit you were wrong.

### Begin your study with prayer

Pause for a few minutes to quiet your heart and mind. Then ask God for insight and direction as you study and reflect on this week's lesson.

### Bible Study and Group Discussion

Read [Genesis 42](#).

1. Jacob berates his sons for *standing around*, apparently not taking initiative or action in response to the famine. What happened next?
2. Why didn't Jacob send Benjamin with them? What does that tell you about his attitude toward the other 10 sons (see also [vs. 36-38](#))? How do you think this impacted them as they journeyed to Egypt?
3. When the brother's arrived in Egypt, Joseph didn't reveal his identity. What emotions do you think he was wrestling with?
4. Joseph's strategy begins with his harsh questioning of his brothers. Why did he accuse them of being spies? What was he hoping to accomplish?
5. As you read through this story, what do you think Joseph wanted more, reconciliation or revenge?
6. Describe a time you felt anger toward someone who offended you. How did you respond? What impact did that have on your relationship with God?
7. Has someone ever wounded you but would not acknowledge what they did and ask for forgiveness? How did that affect you? How did you respond?

8. Is there someone *you currently need to ask for forgiveness*? Reflect on the situation and consider what God is asking you to do next.
9. Is there someone *you need to forgive*? How urgent is this for you and what will you do next?
10. What are the long-term effects of not restoring a broken relationship?
11. Jesus' death and resurrection provides complete forgiveness and restoration in our relationship with Him and with others. Spend time thanking God for His gift of salvation and reconciliation. Ask Him to enable you to love others as He has loved you (see [1 John 4:19](#)).

### Spiritual Practice

*A spiritual practice is training for the soul. By building these into your everyday life, you're sure to strengthen your relationship with God.*

Meditate (read slowly and carefully) [1 John 1](#). Write down several truths you discover in this passage. What step will you take to restore or strengthen your relationship with God?

### Memory Verse

*"So if you are presenting a sacrifice at the altar in the Temple and you suddenly remember that someone has something against you, leave your sacrifice there at the altar. Go and be reconciled to that person. Then come and offer your sacrifice to God."*

[Matthew 5:23-24 \(NLT\)](#)

### Daily Reading

- Day 1: [Psalm 105:16-22](#)      Day 4: [Ephesians 4:15](#)  
Day 2: [Matthew 18:15](#)      Day 5: [1 Peter 4:8](#)  
Day 3: [2 Thessalonians 3:14-15](#)

### Prepare for Next Sunday

Next Sunday, February 27, we'll continue our series *Living with Integrity*. To prepare, read [Genesis 43:1-44:17](#).



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