

Thoughts on the Daily Word

14th Week of Year. Thursday 10th July. Readings: Genesis 44:18-21,23-29,45:1-5; Psalm: 104; Matthew 10:7-15.

The story comes out into the open as Joseph reveals who he is. His brothers have suffered enough, and Judah has put himself forward as mouthpiece. Their care for their father and younger brother paints such a different picture of them in their younger days when they were prepared to sell or even kill Joseph. Joseph could have made them suffer even more but he lets go of his resentment or even anger. This is the story that Jesus tells his disciples. Travel light, don't carry burdens, be free to proclaim the rule of God. This story of brotherhood is meant to prepare the way for what will come. Once again, the Hebrews will suffer but once again God will teach them how to be brother and sister to each other. The Exodus story really begins here with Joseph.