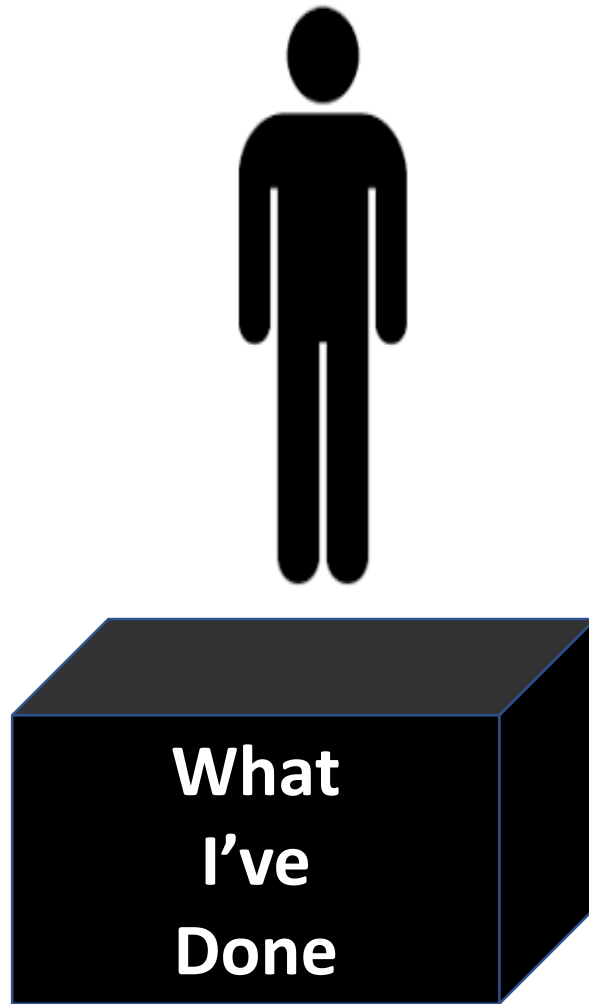
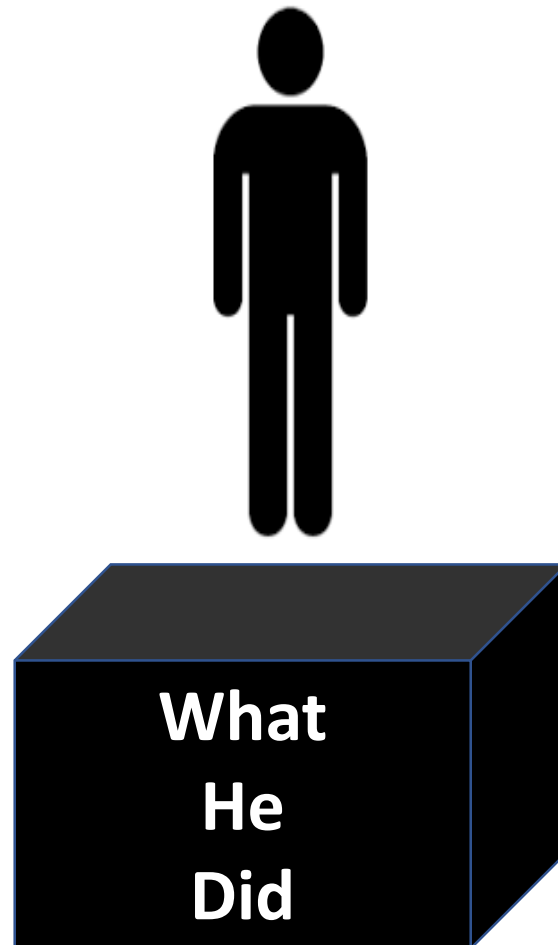


# Self-Righteousness



- What I Have Done or have not done,
- Promise to do,
- Try to do, or
- Intend to do from this point forward.

# What's Been Done for Me



- This was a brand new way of thinking
- Brand new approach to God
- Brand new world view

# **The Story of Judah**

**This is the genealogy of Jesus the  
Messiah the son of David, the son of  
Abraham:**

**<sup>2</sup> Abraham was the father of Isaac,  
Isaac the father of Jacob,  
Jacob the father of Judah and his  
brothers,**

Matthew 1:1-2a

# **The Story of Judah**

**So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe—the ornate robe he was wearing—<sup>24</sup> and they took him and threw him into the cistern. The cistern was empty; there was no water in it.**

**<sup>25</sup> As they sat down to eat their meal**

Genesis 37:23-25a

# **The Story of Judah**

**they looked up and saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead. Their camels were loaded with spices, balm and myrrh, and they were on their way to take them down to Egypt.**

Genesis 37:25b

# The Story of Judah

**<sup>26</sup> Judah said to his brothers, “What will we gain if we kill our brother and cover up his blood?”**

Genesis 37:26

# The Story of Judah

**<sup>27</sup> Come, let's sell him to the Ishmaelites and not lay our hands on him; after all, he is our brother, our own flesh and blood."**  
**His brothers agreed.**

# **The Story of Judah**

**<sup>24</sup> About three months later Judah was told, “Your daughter-in-law Tamar is guilty of prostitution, and as a result she is now pregnant.”**

**Judah said, “Bring her out and have her burned to death!”**

Genesis 38:24



# The Story of Judah

**<sup>25</sup> As she was being brought out, she sent a message to her father-in-law. “I am pregnant by the man who owns these,” she said. And she added, “See if you recognize whose seal and cord and staff these are.”**

Genesis 38:25

# **The Story of Judah**

**<sup>26</sup> Judah recognized them and said, “Tamar you are more righteous than me.**

Genesis 38:26

# **The Story of Judah**

**Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come close to me.” When they had done so, he said, “I am your brother Joseph, the one you sold into Egypt!”**

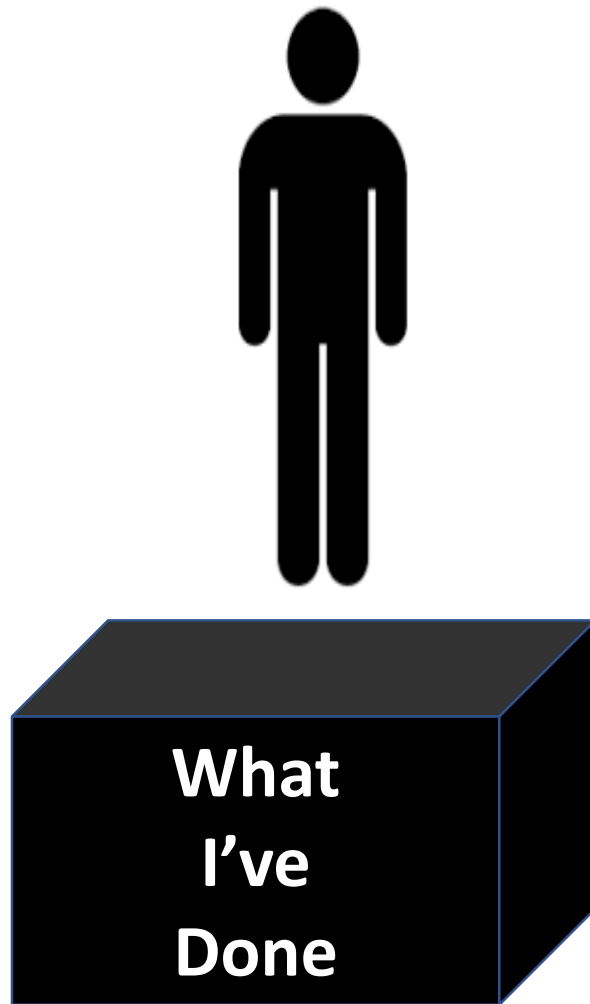
Genesis 45:4

# The Story of Judah

**<sup>5</sup> And now, do not be distressed and do not be angry with yourselves for selling me here, because it was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you.**

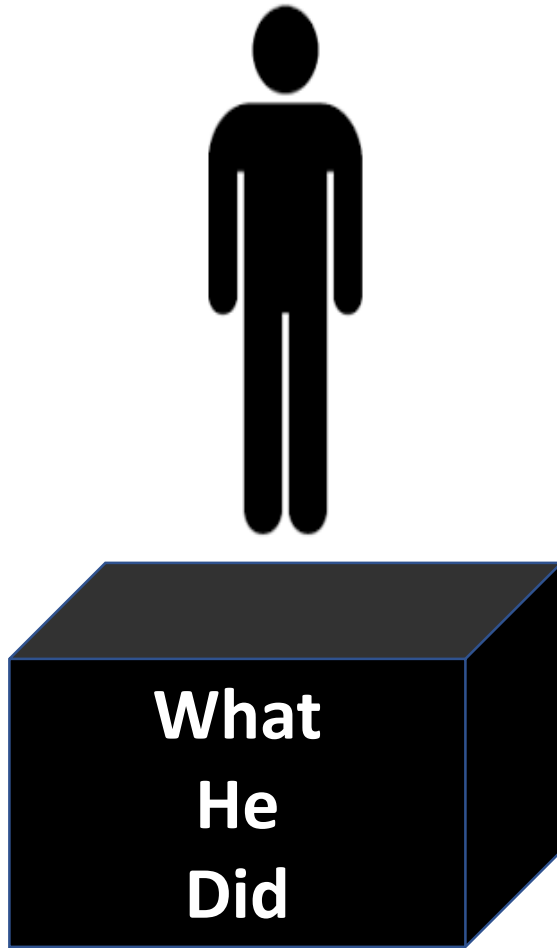
Genesis 45:5

# Self-Righteousness



- I'll never have peace with God because of what I have done or haven't done.
- I'll never be at peace with God because I have a secret.
- Because I have shame.
- Because I have hurt someone.
- Because I can't change the past I can't do ANYTHING to fix my relationship with God

# What's Been Done for Me



- In the book Genesis, God gives us a picture of what it means to have mercy, grace, & forgiveness
- Matthew before he gets to the story of Jesus, reminds us that God's story is the story of grace, the story of messed up, broken people who have secrets
- That His grace is available to those who will approach Him NOT based on what they have done but on what has been done for them