

AMEN

BACKSTORY

It is the 1880's America West. Sal is an outlaw gang leader on a mission to get revenge on Marty, a former protege who betrayed Sal and is now on the run seeking refuge.

PREVIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES

Sal has just gotten into the town where Sal suspects Marty might be hiding. Sal interrupts a mass being held at the town chapel and threatens the congregation with their lives if any of them dare to protect Marty.

SAL

Folks, how about it - - have you all been Baptized? You all wash your bodies every day? Have you committed adultery, ma'am? *[Sal eyes various terrified congregation members]* Have you betrayed your brother, sir? Do you preside in your family as a servant of God? *[Pause]* You all know that I don't ever want to come back here and burn this house of the lord down to the ground. So let's all bow our heads and pray that Marty Goode never shows up here, but that if he does, none of you well meaning souls take him in. Unless you want to suffer like our lord Jesus suffered for all of us. *[Sal stands there a moment staring at each and every face - Sal finally smiles and says:]* Amen.

EMOTIONAL FLEXIBILITY EXERCISE

- 1) Emotional/sense memory of a time when you were absolutely betrayed.
- 2) Personalization: someone who screwed you over.
- 3) Sensory condition: overall of an animal - lion or lioness.