

REPORTING BACK TO JACOB – WHAT NOW?
(Genesis 42:29-43:15)

A. The Famine Comes To the Land (Genesis 42:1-5)

B. The Providential Meeting In Egypt (Genesis 42:6-24)

1. Upon seeing his brothers before him, Joseph decides to _____ his brothers to see where they are at, he wants to know if God has been working in their lives for _____, as He has in his _____. (42:9-44:17)
2. Joseph's test included a pretended accusation claiming ... "you are _____" (42:9-14) – (stated 4 x here)
3. Based upon what he overhears from his brothers after _____ in prison, Joseph _____ his brother's consciences were beginning to stir up the _____ they had _____ all these years (42:21-23)

C. The Brother's Return to Canaan (Genesis 42:25-38)

1. As they return home, we see Joseph's _____ provision toward his _____ (42:25-28)
 - Why did he do all this for them?
2. On their return, the brothers discover their _____ in their sacks of grain. This made them sense God's hand of conviction _____!
3. Jacob's reaction to their story was ... (42:29-36) ... "All these things are... _____!"
4. Jacob's decision _____ to let Benjamin go reveals his limited _____ on the matter (42:38)

D. The Final Decision of Jacob... or _____? (43:1-15)

1. As the famine continued its _____ on the land, Jacob realizes the need for _____ to feed his family so he tells his sons... "Go _____ & _____ us a little food" (43:1-2)
 - Why is *stubbornness* likened to idolatry? (1 Samuel 15:23)
 - What can we learn from this?

2. With the food supply dwindling, Judah steps up & firmly _____ his father & _____ him of the conditions & gravity of this situation! (43:3-5)

3. Jacob sought to _____ his sons for this trial because they had _____ “the Egyptian” that they had another brother at home. But it is clear that Jacob was not willing _____ in the matter. (43:6)
 - Why was this so *grave* a situation?

 - So what is the “*Benjamin situation*” in your life that you need to yield up & trust God with?

4. Judah then offers his own life as _____ for Benjamin.... “*if I do not bring him back, then I will bear the _____ forever*”! (43:8-10)

5. With Judah’s confrontation, and the situation so bleak, Jacob finally _____ concerning Benjamin _____ to Egypt (43:11-14)

6. Giving in to God is not always _____, but it is always the _____ thing to do...(Rom 12:1-2) “*If it must be so, then... arise & _____*”

7. For Jacob, _____ to God & His will in this matter, will bring _____ that he could never have imagined!
 - What can we learn from our lesson today?