

## Revealed by Response

**Scripture:** Genesis 42:1–28

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### Introduction

Sometimes a crisis appears to be about one thing, but it is actually revealing something much deeper. That is what unfolds in Genesis 42. At first glance the chapter seems to be about famine. Jacob sends his sons to Egypt to buy grain so the family can survive. Yet the famine is not the real story. The famine is the instrument. God is working in every life involved.

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### 1. The C\_\_\_\_\_ of the Father

#### Genesis 42:1–5

Jacob sees that there is grain in Egypt and sends his sons to buy food so that the family may live and not die.

Yet in the moment of crisis Jacob speaks about survival but says nothing about God. The pressure of the moment exposes the anxiety of his heart.

**Key Truth:** Hardship often reveals where our trust truly rests.

#### Supporting Scripture

##### Luke 6:45

“The mouth speaks from that which fills the heart.”

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### 2. The C\_\_\_\_\_ of the Brothers

#### Genesis 42:6–23

Joseph’s brothers arrive in Egypt and unknowingly bow before him, fulfilling the dreams God revealed years earlier.

Joseph places them under pressure, and that pressure awakens a buried conscience.

#### Genesis 42:21

“Truly we are guilty concerning our brother...”

For more than twenty years their sin had been buried, but conviction begins to surface.

**Key Truth:** What we bury, God eventually brings into the light.

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### 3. The C\_\_\_\_\_ of Joseph

#### Genesis 42:24–28

Joseph has the power to retaliate against the brothers who betrayed him, yet he responds with restraint and compassion.

#### Genesis 42:25

“Then Joseph gave orders to fill their bags with grain and to restore every man’s money in his sack.”

Instead of giving them what they deserve, Joseph provides for them.

#### Psalm 103:10

“He has not dealt with us according to our sins.”