

## The Final Exam

Scripture: Genesis 44:1–45:3

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### Introduction

In life, what is trusted is first tested. God uses tests not to harm us, but to reveal what is truly in our hearts. In this passage, we see a God-ordained test designed to expose whether real transformation has taken place.

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### Main Points

1. **The S** \_\_\_\_\_
    - Key Scripture: Genesis 44:1–10
    - God sovereignly arranges the test.
    - Provision is given before pressure is applied.
    - The brothers respond with confidence based on limited understanding.
    - **Key Idea:** We often speak with certainty in situations we do not fully understand.

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  2. **The S** \_\_\_\_\_
    - Key Scripture: Genesis 44:11–17
    - The test begins to expose reality.
    - The cup is found in Benjamin's sack.
    - The brothers are given an opportunity to save themselves.
    - Instead, they return together.
    - **Key Idea:** Transformation is revealed when doing what is right may cost you.

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  3. **The S** \_\_\_\_\_
    - Key Scripture: Genesis 44:18–45:3
    - Judah steps forward on behalf of his brother and father.
    - He offers himself in place of Benjamin.
    - A picture of substitution is revealed.
    - **Key Idea:** A changed heart is willing to sacrifice for others.
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### Gospel Connection

- Judah points to the greater Substitute: Jesus Christ.
  - Christ did not simply offer to take our place, He took our place.
  - He bore our sin, our suffering, and our guilty verdict.
  - Through Him, we are forgiven and made right with God.
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### Application

- **For Unbelievers:**
  - Have you trusted in the One who stood in your place?
  - Turn from sin and place your faith in Christ alone.
- **For Believers:**
  - What do the tests in your life reveal about your heart?
  - Are you choosing what is right, even when it costs you?