

EQUIP SUNDAY SCHOOL

Aiming for Reconciliation Genesis 42

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Today's Theme:

Aiming for Reconciliation...

Five Tests Joseph Used To See if His Brothers Had Changed Since They Sold Him Into Slavery...



I. First TEST: Joseph Accuses His Brothers of Being Spies

- A. The Brothers Travel to Egypt to Buy Food (vv. 1-5)
- B. A Prophetic Dream (v. 6)
- C. Joseph Speaks Harshly to His Brothers (vv. 7-14)



II. Second TEST: Joseph Tests Their Words

- A. Joseph Demands to See Benjamin (vv. 15-16)
- B. Joseph Imprisons His Brothers (v. 17)



III. Third TEST: Joseph Decides to Forgive

A. Forgiveness or Vengeance? (vv. 18-19)

B. Trusting But Verifying (v. 20)



IV. Fourth TEST: Joseph Keeps Simeon as Security

- A. Joseph Listens to His Brothers (vv. 21-23)
- B. Joseph Imprisons Simeon (v. 24)



V. Fifth TEST: Joseph Secretly Returns Their Money

- A. The Brother's Money Put Back Into the Sacks (vv. 25-28)
- B. The Brothers Go Back to Canaan (v. 29-37)
- C. Jacob Refuses to Send Benjamin to Egypt (v. 38)



APPLICATION:

- **Have YOU Been Hurt by Someone?**
- **Have YOU Hurt Someone?**
- **Have YOU Reconciled With God?**

