

**Joseph's Brothers Return to Egypt and Get Tested (Genesis 43-44)**  
**For the week of March 6, 2022**

**Observation** (Read Genesis 43:1-15)

Describe what is happening in your own words.

**Interpretation**

In verses 1-2, what is your interpretation of why Simeon is not mentioned?

Why do you think Judah is the spokesperson to his father? Is he the firstborn (see Genesis 29:31-35)?

How is Judah's oath in verse 9 different than Simeon's oath in 42:37?

Why do you think Israel sent them with gifts and double the money?

**Application**

When you are part of a wrongdoing, is it easier for you to accept responsibility or to pass blame? Why?

**Interpretation** (Read Genesis 43:16-34)

Describe what is happening.

**Interpretation**

Why do you think Joseph's reception of his brothers' visit is different than the first time?

Why would the brothers be fearful (vs 18)?

In verse 23, the steward of the home refers to "Your God and the God of your father." How do you think he is familiar with the Hebrew God?

How is Joseph's compassion expressed in verses 30-34?

Why do you think Joseph seated them from oldest to youngest?

Do you see a difference in the brothers' reaction to favoritism?

**Application**

How do you handle favoritism in your own life?

**Observation** (Read Genesis 44:1-34)

Describe what is happening in this chapter.

**Interpretation**

Why do you think Joseph tests his brothers in this way?

In Judah's plea, who is he most concerned about?

When Judah states, "God has found out the guilt of your servants," to what do you think he is referring?

How does verse 33 portray Judah? How does this differ from before?

What else stands out to you in this chapter?

**Application**

How would you define true repentance?

What does true repentance look like in your life?