



# GENESIS

## The Brothers Return To Egypt Genesis 43:1-14

1. In Genesis 43:6-7, we see that Jacob's identity and security had become wrapped up in Rachel's Children. So much so that he won't part with Benjamin to save Simeon. Where does your identity rest? Where or what do you seek for your value, your worth, and your security? What can you not live without? What do you need to surrender to Christ so you can find your identity in him?  
*Galatians 2:20, Psalm 62:7*
2. Judah says in verse 9 that he will personally guarantee Benjamin's safety. This is a strong vow that he makes, basically saying that he will lose his life for Benjamin if necessary. In this moment, we begin to see Judah reflect a Christ-like attitude and an illustration that reminds us that biblical leadership is serving others. Does your life reflect a Christ-like attitude? Husbands, do you give up your life for your wife?  
*Matthew 20:26, Ephesians 5:25*
3. Jacob's prayer shows a deep trust in the sovereignty of God, reminding us that true faith requires absolute trust in the sovereignty of God. Where are you fighting against God's pursuit and God's leading? Where do you need to stop kicking against the goads? What is your "so be it" moment right now?  
*Acts 26:14, Job 13:15*

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<sup>1</sup>But the famine continued to ravage the land of Canaan. <sup>2</sup>When the grain they had brought from Egypt was almost gone, Jacob said to his sons, "Go back and buy us a little more food."

<sup>3</sup>But Judah said, "The man was serious when he warned us, 'You won't see my face again unless your brother is with you.' <sup>4</sup>If you send Benjamin with us, we will go down and buy more food. <sup>5</sup>But if you don't let Benjamin go, we won't go either. Remember, the man said, 'You won't see my face again unless your brother is with you.'"

<sup>6</sup>"Why were you so cruel to me?" Jacob moaned. "Why did you tell him you had another brother?"

<sup>7</sup>"The man kept asking us questions about our family," they replied. "He asked, 'Is your father still alive? Do you have another brother?' So we answered his questions. How could we know he would say, 'Bring your brother down here'?"

<sup>8</sup>Judah said to his father, "Send the boy with me, and we will be on our way. Otherwise we will all die of starvation—and not only we, but you and our little ones. <sup>9</sup>I personally guarantee his safety. You may hold me responsible if I don't bring him back to you. Then let me bear the blame forever. <sup>10</sup>If we hadn't wasted all this time, we could have gone and returned twice by now."

<sup>11</sup>So their father, Jacob, finally said to them, "If it can't be avoided, then at least do this. Pack your bags with the best products of this land. Take them down to the man as gifts—balm, honey, gum, aromatic resin, pistachio nuts, and almonds. <sup>12</sup>Also take double the money that was put back in your sacks, as it was probably someone's mistake. <sup>13</sup>Then take your brother, and go back to the man. <sup>14</sup>May God Almighty give you mercy as you go before the man, so that he will release Simeon and let Benjamin return. But if I must lose my children, so be it."