

**Going Further**  
**For the week of Nov. 5, 2023**  
**Questions and Scriptures for further study**

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1. Read Genesis 42. Imagine you are Joseph. What emotions and thoughts would you have when you recognize your brothers? Why do you think Joseph does the things he does in this passage?
  
2. Read Genesis 43. Imagine you are one of the characters in this passage. Describe your thoughts and emotions and what it would have been like at this point in the story. Why do you think that Joseph's actions are interpreted as they are by his brothers?
  
3. Read Genesis 44. How do the circumstances that Joseph orchestrates reveal the true character of his brothers? Why was this so important to do?
  
4. Read Genesis 37-38. How would you describe Judah in these chapters? What kind of man is he? How is Judah different in Genesis 44? We see a great change in him over the 15 years since Joseph was sold into slavery. As you think about your own life over the past 5, 10, 20 years or more, how have you grown and changed?
  
5. Read Genesis 45. How does Joseph understand all that has happened to him and God's actions in his life? How can this story help your perspective on suffering in your own life?

**Family Devo:** Read or tell the story found in Genesis 42-45. One of the things we see from Joseph's story is that being a family can be hard and family members can hurt each other. But we also see that relationships can be restored. Talk about how we see this happening in Genesis 42-45 through repentance, confession and accepting consequences for your actions and how you can do this as a family to keep your relationships strong with one another.