


Final Exams

Genesis 43-44 // April 16, 2023



... BUT GOD

the life of *Joseph*

REFLECT/CONNECT

- In what ways were you encouraged by last week's study?

- What's the hardest test you can remember taking?



PREPARE YOUR HEART & MIND

Begin this time in prayer, confessing any sins you can recall, thanking the Lord for the gift of His Word, and asking for His Spirit to guide you in your time.

REFLECT/CONNECT

Use these questions for a time of individual reflection or to connect with others in meaningful conversation.

GROW IN THE WORD

These questions are designed as a guide for individual study and to foster spiritual conversation with a group of people.



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Jacob and his family ran out of food and needed to return to Egypt for more. Judah and Jacob argued about Joseph's requirement to bring Benjamin on their return, and Judah convinced Jacob to let them all go together. They brought many precious gifts with them back to Egypt (v. 1-15).

- Why do you think the author referred to Jacob as "Israel" in this chapter? This is the first time Jacob is called "Israel" since Genesis 37:13.
- What changes do you observe about Jacob in this chapter compared to chapter 42? Consider his prayer in 43:14 and compare it to Esther 4:14-16 and Luke 22:42.
- How might this passage challenge or encourage you to trust in God come what may?

The brothers, including Benjamin, returned to Egypt and were reunited with Joseph at his house. Joseph prepared a feast for their arrival, but the brothers were afraid that they'd be captured as slaves. Joseph was moved deeply at the sight of his brother Benjamin and treated his brothers as guests of honor (v. 16-34).

- What stands out most to you in these verses?
- In what ways can you relate to the thoughts and emotions experienced by Joseph in these verses? Note the thoughts and feelings implied or described in these verses.

- What do Joseph's actions in this passage reveal about God's love for the guilty?

Joseph devised a plan to test whether or not the brothers had truly changed. He gave them a choice to sacrifice Benjamin so they could leave Egypt without trouble. Judah explained all the preceding events to Joseph and offered himself up to take Benjamin's place (45:1-34)

- What was the point of Joseph's final test of his brothers? In other words, what was he trying to find out about them? Consider who would have ended up becoming Joseph's slave.
- How does Judah's offer to take Benjamin's place inspire, encourage, or motivate you to worship Jesus? Meditate on Hebrews 7:14, 26-28 as you reflect on this question.

How can you apply the things you've learned in these chapters to your life?

UPCOMING EVENTS

WORSHIP NIGHT

Wednesday, May 3 | 7 - 8 pm | 410 Campus

Join us as we close out the spring semester with a time of worship, prayer, and praise. All ages are invited and childcare is not available. Learn more online or in the app.

ON MISSION: WITH GOD

May 13 | 9 am | 111 Ivywood

Come with us as we do a prayer walk in the neighborhood around our campus in our first summer mission event! All ages are welcome. Learn more online or in the app.