

Genesis 42: 1-24

1. Read *Verses 1-7*

A. How Long has Joseph known and planned for this moment ? _____

B. Joseph TESTED his Brothers **5** Times! --- WHY?

1. Was he angry and seeking revenge? (Notice: *Genesis 45:5-8*)

2. So why not just forgive them and reveal yourself to them?

2. Read *Verses 8-24*

“True” or “False”

Questions about:

“Trusting People”

1. **When you give your trust to people it is unkind and judgmental to only give a little trust at a time.** _____ *Luke 16:10, Luke 19:17, Proverbs 12:26*

2. **The more Godly you are the easier it is to give your trust to people because ultimately your trust is in the Lord.** _____ *John 2:24,25, I Cor. 13:7, II Cor. 6:11-13*

3. **There are a great variety of factors that determine whether or not you can**

_____ Others or Circumstances

vs.

Taking _____ for my own attitude.

Luke 16:10

"Whoever can be **trusted** with very little can also be **trusted** with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much.

Luke 19:17

" 'Well done, my good servant!' his master replied. 'Because you have been **trustworthy** in a very small matter, take charge of ten cities.'

Proverbs 12:26

A righteous man is cautious in **friendship**

1 Corinthians 13:7

It (Love) always **trusts**

John 2:24,25

²⁴But Jesus would **not entrust himself to them**, for he knew all men. ²⁵He did not need man's testimony about man, for he knew what was in a man.

Exodus 18:21

But select capable men from all the people—men who fear God, **trustworthy** men who hate dishonest gain—and appoint them as officials over thousands, hundreds, fifties and tens.

Nehemiah 13:13

Because these men were **considered trustworthy**. They were made **responsible** for distributing the supplies to their brothers.

Proverbs 11:13

A gossip betrays a confidence, but a **trustworthy** man keeps a secret.

Proverbs 13:17

A wicked messenger falls into trouble, but a **trustworthy** envoy brings healing.

Proverbs 25:13

Like the coolness of snow at harvest time is a **trustworthy** messenger to those who send him; he refreshes the spirit of his masters.

Daniel 6:4

At this, the administrators and the satraps tried to find grounds for charges against Daniel in his conduct of government affairs, but they were unable to do so. They could find no corruption in him, because he was **trustworthy** and neither corrupt nor negligent.

Luke 16:11,12

So if you have not been **trustworthy** in handling worldly wealth, who will **trust** you with true riches? And if you have not been **trustworthy** with someone else's property, who will give you property of your own?

1 Timothy 3:11

In the same way, their wives are to be women worthy of respect, not malicious talkers but temperate and **trustworthy** in everything.

Titus 2:9-11

⁹Teach slaves to be subject to their masters in everything, to try to please them, not to talk back to them, ¹⁰and not to steal from them, but to show that they can be fully trusted, so that in every way they will make the teaching about God our Savior attractive.

Genesis 42

Joseph's Brothers Go to Egypt

¹ When Jacob learned that there was grain in Egypt, he said to his sons, "Why do you just keep looking at each other?" ² He continued, "I have heard that there is grain in Egypt. Go down there and buy some for us, so that we may live and not die."

³ Then ten of Joseph's brothers went down to buy grain from Egypt. ⁴ But Jacob did not send Benjamin, Joseph's brother, with the others, because he was afraid that harm might come to him. ⁵ So Israel's sons were among those who went to buy grain, for the famine was in the land of Canaan also.

⁶ Now Joseph was the governor of the land, the one who sold grain to all its people. So when Joseph's brothers arrived, they bowed down to him with their faces to the ground. ⁷ As soon as Joseph **saw his brothers, he recognized them**, but he **pretended to be a stranger and spoke harshly to them**.

"Where do you come from?" he asked.

"From the land of Canaan," they replied, "to buy food."

⁸ Although Joseph recognized his brothers, they did not recognize him. ⁹ Then he remembered his dreams about them and said to them, "You are spies! You have come to see where our land is unprotected." **1**

~ Completely unjustified accusation

¹⁰ "No, my lord," they answered. "Your servants have come to buy food. ¹¹ We are all the sons of one man. Your servants are honest men, not spies."

¹² "No!" he said to them. "You have come to see where our land is unprotected."

¹³ But they replied, "Your servants were twelve brothers, the sons of one man, who lives in the land of Canaan. The youngest is now with our father, and one is no more."

¹⁴ Joseph said to them, "It is just as I told you: You are spies! ¹⁵ And this is how you will be tested: As surely as Pharaoh lives, you will not leave this place unless your youngest brother comes here. ¹⁶ Send one of your number to get your brother; the rest of you will be kept in prison, so that your words may be tested to see if you are telling the truth. If you are not, then as surely as Pharaoh lives, you are spies!" ¹⁷ And he put them all in custody for three days.

¹⁸ On the third day, Joseph said to them, "Do this and you will live, for I fear God: ¹⁹ If you are honest men, let one of your brothers stay here in prison, while the rest of you go and take grain back for your starving households. ²⁰ But you must bring your youngest brother to me, so that your words may be verified and that you may not die." This they proceeded to do.

²¹ They said to one another, "Surely we are being punished because of our brother. We saw how distressed he was when he pleaded with us for his life, but we would not listen; that's why this distress has come upon us."

²² Reuben replied, "Didn't I tell you not to sin against the boy? But you wouldn't listen! Now we must give an accounting for his blood." ²³ They did not realize that Joseph could understand them, since he was using an interpreter.

²⁴ He turned away from them and began to weep, but then turned back and spoke to them again. He had Simeon taken from them and bound before their eyes.