



GENESIS 43

The Providence of God

"Some persons will die for what they believe—if the choice is theirs. The difficulty comes when control of life passes out of our hands, and we see ourselves as the one acted upon rather than as the actor. We resist necessity. Which is one reason why God uses it in awakening the conscience to his demands on a life! As long as we feel we are in control, we think we can keep God and his standards at a distance. When we lose control, we are more inclined to acknowledge that it is God's world in spite of everything and that we must ultimately come to terms with him." (James Boice, Genesis)

As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. (Genesis 50:20)

The Background (Genesis 42)

Joseph, a former slave and prisoner, was now the _____ in Egypt (Genesis 42).

Joseph _____ his brothers by imprisoning Simeon until they brought his younger brother Benjamin to him (Genesis 42).

God's Sovereignty (Genesis 43)

The _____ in the land led Jacob to send his sons back to Egypt to find the resources they needed to survive (43:1-2).

Jacob didn't want to send Benjamin over _____ of losing him like he lost Joseph (43:2).

Judah _____ to take responsibility for Benjamin (43:9).

Jacob sent his sons away with _____ and _____ over them (43:11-15, 17:1-2).

Joseph's acts of _____ to his brothers caused them to be fearful (43:18-22).

The steward assured the men that he _____ their money (43:23).

Joseph Tests His Brothers (Genesis 43)

Joseph continued to _____ his identity (43:32).

Joseph sat them at the table according to their _____ (Genesis 43:33).

Joseph gave Benjamin a portion _____ times larger than his brothers (43:34).

The Gospel

God doesn't owe you anything but _____ for your sin (Psalm 23:5, Matthew 22:1-14).

Joseph _____ his brothers was _____ meant to lead them to repentance (Romans 2:4).