

Good Morning & Welcome!

***Lets Begin By Dismissing Our Kids To Their
Kids Quest Areas Of Ministry!***



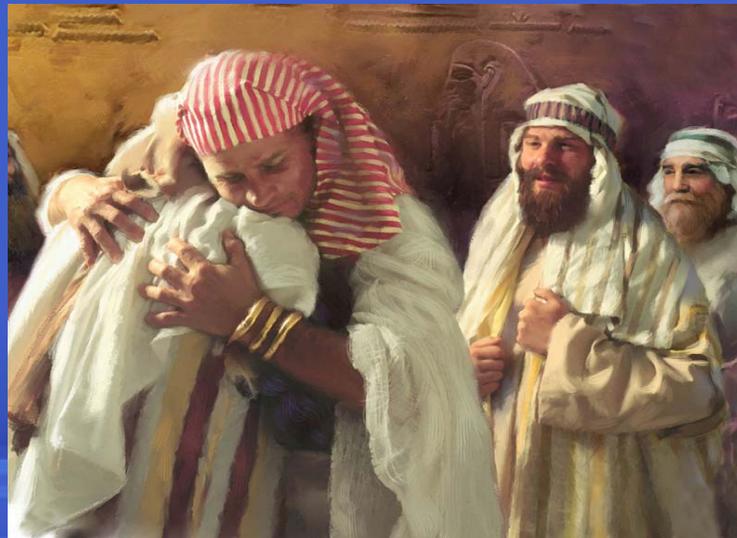
This Morning We Continue Our Journey In The Life Of Joseph!

Text:

Genesis 44:1-45:15!

Title:

Joseph Reveals Himself!



Let's Get Into The Inspired Text!



An Overview of the Section E

The Story of Joseph:

I. (41:53-44:34) The MYSTERY Phase of the Story!

II. (45:1-24) The MAJESTY Phase of the Story!

III. (45:47-47:10) The MINISTRY Phase of the Story!



An Overview of the First Section!

The Story of Joseph:

I. (41:53-44:34) The MYSTERY Phase of the Story!

***A. (41:53-42:34) How Joseph's Brothers were
BURDENED!***

***B. (42:35-43:34) How Joseph's Brothers were
BEWILDERED!***

***C. (44:1-43) How Joseph's Brothers were
BROKEN!***

II. (45:1-24) The MAJESTY Phase of the Story!

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A. (41:53-42:34) How Joseph's Brothers were BURDENED!

In this section we find that the impact of the horrible drought and famine not only affected the nation of Egypt, but also the whole world. The seven years of plenty, as prophesied by Joseph, were now over. The seven years of dearth had begun. And as a result of the drought Jacob and his family, again, face starvation. So Jacob, having heard that there was food in Egypt, will send his 10 older sons to Egypt to buy food.

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B. (42:35-43:34) How Joseph's Brothers were BEWILDERED!

Once in Egypt the brothers encounter the unexpected. In the process of buying food they are charged, by the Egyptian prime minister, for being spies come to search out the undefended parts of the land. And for surety, their brother Simeon is held in prison until their innocence can be proven – they must return with their youngest brother Benjamin. To make matters even worse, on their journey back to Canaan, they find the money used to purchase food hidden in the sacks of grain on the backs of their donkeys. Their conclusion is that the hand of God is working against them because of their sin against Joseph.

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C. (44:1-43) How Joseph's Brothers were BROKEN!

This morning, as we continue our journey in the life of Joseph, we will again focus our attention on one of the truly great men of God – the young Hebrew man named Joseph. And while Joseph will never slay a giant, or write a single verse in the Bible, nor make a prophetic prediction like Daniel or perform a miracle like Moses, he is considered one of the Bible greats because of his attitude and ability to respond to difficult circumstances in a positive way. This morning we, along with Joseph's brothers, will witness the true greatness of Joseph.

Today's Sermon Outline!

C. (44:1-43) How Joseph's Brothers were BROKEN!

1. (44:1-3) The Conspiracy:

As Joseph's feast with his brothers is about to end, Joseph calls his steward to his side. He then commands him to fill each of his brothers sacks with food and to place their money back in their sacks as before. But in the sack of Benjamin an additional item is to be placed – the silver drinking cup that belonged to Joseph.

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C. (44:1-43) How Joseph's Brothers were **BROKEN!**

1. (44:1-3) These Verses Begin with a **Conspiracy.**

2. (44:4-34) These Verses End with a **Confrontation.**

a. (vv.1-6) The brothers **Return** to Canaan.

1.) (vv.1-2) The **command.**

2.) (vv.3-4a,6) The **commentary.**

3.) (vv.4b-5) The **commission.**

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1. (44:1-3) The **Conspiracy.**

2. (44:4-34) The **Confrontation:**

a. (vv.4-6) The brother's **Return** to Canaan.

b. (vv.7-9) The brother's **Reaction.**

1.) (vv.7-8) Their **confusion.**

2.) (v.9) Their foolish statement of **confidence.**

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1. (44:1-3) The **Conspiracy**.

2. (44:4-34) The **Confrontation**:

c. (v.10) The steward's **Response**.

d. (vv.11-12) The **Result** of the search.

e.) (v.13a) The brothers **Reaction**.

f.) (vv.13b-14) The brothers **Return**.

g.) (v.15) The **Response** of Joseph.

h.) (v.16) The **Recognition** of Judah.

i.) (v.17) The **Rejection** by Joseph.

j.) (vv.18-32) The **Repeating** of the story.

k.) (vv.33-34) The **Request** by Judah.

***In these verses we find Joseph testing his brothers.
The testing involves two things:***

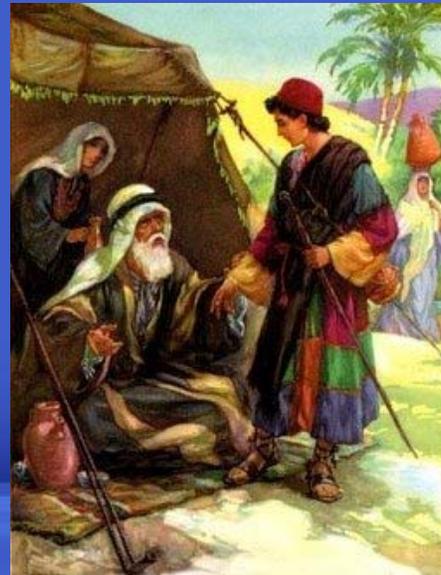
1ST: Joseph is looking to see if his older brothers are concerned and/or willing to show compassion for Rachel's son Benjamin. He wants to see if they will turn Benjamin over to him as quickly as they turned him over to the Ishmaelite traders on their way to Egypt.

The answers to the questions Joseph is looking for:

- a. Have they recognized their sin against Joseph? (42:21)***
- b. Have they repented of their sin against Joseph? (42:28)***
- c. Have they come to realize the sovereignty of God? (43:34)***

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2ND: Are his brothers truly concerned about the care of their aging father Jacob? Joseph wants to see how his older brothers will react knowing that they're about to be sent back home to Jacob without their younger brother Benjamin. He knows that Benjamin is Jacob's favorite and most cherished son. (44:30-31)



An Overview of the Section Breakdown!

The Story of Joseph:

I. (41:53-44:34) The MYSTERY Phase of the Story!

II. (45:1-24) The MAJESTY Phase of the Story!

It is in this section that we find that Joseph is satisfied with the proof that his brothers have changed. And with the passing of both tests, he can now reveal his true identity to his brothers.



An Overview of the Section Breakdown!

The Story of Joseph:

II. (45:1-24) The MAJESTY Phase of the Story!

A. (45:1-3) The Revelation of his person.

1. (v.1) Joseph loses control.

2. (v.2) Joseph's loud cry.

3. (v.3a) Joseph's loving concern.

4. (v.3b) The brothers' complete loss of words.

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B. (45:4-15) The Revealing of God's purpose.

It is here that Moses illustrates the true greatness of God's work in the man named Joseph. And this greatness is revealed in Joseph's attitude towards his brothers and his father.

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1. (v.5a) Joseph shows compassion toward his trembling brothers. Unlike many of us his focus is NOT on being compensated for the wrong against him, nor is it on the pain and sorrow they brought into his life. Where we should find bitterness and spite, we find only concern and comfort for his frightened brothers. (Note: their fear will continue throughout this book. (cf. 50:15))

a. John 3:16

b. Philippians 2:12

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In verses 6-8 we are given a brief overview of the story by Joseph!

2. (vv.9-13) In addition to showing compassion to his brothers (cf.v.5), Joseph generously offered to share the benefits of his being lord over all Egypt.

1 Corinthians 2:9

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3. (vv.14-15) We are given more insight into the heart of Joseph – he imitates the compassion of his God!

John 11:35

4. (vv.7-8) The focus is on the theme / sovereignty.

Genesis 12

NEXT WEEK:

C. (45:16-23) The Resources of Joseph.

Application for Us Today!

Forming the Right Attitude!

- a. (45:5) ***God sent me ...*** When we begin to understand that God is sovereign, and in His sovereignty has placed us in the place that we are in (because that's where He wants us to be), we will then be able to form a right attitude (1 Timothy 6:6).

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b. (45:8-9) God made me ... When we learn how to sense God's hand of sovereignty in our situation, no matter how surprising or confusing it may appear to be, our attitudes are beginning to move in the right direction. Remember, God is working in our lives to make us into the men or women He designed us to be.

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c. (45:7) God sent me ... When we come to realize that His ways are always best and that He keeps His promises, we will begin to accept God's sovereign plan as being something good for us. And when we look for His righteousness in the plan, even though at times there may be evil and pain in the process, we can know that our attitude is where God wants it to be.

Next Week
The Brother's Long Journey Home!

Stay Tuned:

