



THE LIFE OF

JOSEPH

Genesis 42:1-28



Never Say Never

1. Jacob's Reason for Sending His Sons to Egypt (Genesis 42:1-5)

- The Worldwide Famine (Gen. 42:1-3; 41:17-24)
- Benjamin Not Allowed To Go (Gen. 42:4; 35:16-18)
- Trials Of Life Drive Us Back To God (Gen. 42:5; Ps. 119:67)



2. Joseph's Recognition of his Brothers (Genesis 42:6-8)

- Joseph The Prime Minister (Gen. 42:6)
- Never Say Never (Gen. 42:6; 37:7-11)
- Why Didn't Joseph's Brothers Recognize Him?
 - His Appearance (Gen. 41:14, 41-42)
 - His Age (Gen. 37:2; 41:46)
 - His Announcements (Gen. 42:7, 23)
 - His Authority (Gen. 42:6, 7)
 - His Acting (Gen. 42:7)



3. Joseph's Rebuke of his Brothers (Genesis 42:9-14)

- Why Did Joseph Disguise Himself (Gen. 37:2, 19; 42:9, 14, 16; 42:17)?
- Joseph Was Measuring His Brothers To Determine If They Had Changed (Gen. 42:13; Num. 32:23)



4. Joseph's Requirements of his Brothers (Genesis 42:15-20)

- Joseph's Test (Gen. 42:15)
- He Requires Youngest Brother For Their Lives (Gen. 42:15)
- He Keeps Them In Prison 3 Days (Gen. 42:16-17)
- Joseph's Compassion And Confession – "I Fear God" (Gen. 42:18)
- If Honest And No Lying, They'll Return With Benjamin (Gen. 42:19-20)



6. Joseph's Restraint (42:24)

- Joseph's Emotion – He Wept (Gen. 42:24)
- Joseph Retained Simeon (Gen. 42:24)



7. Joseph's Brothers Return to Canaan (Genesis 42:25-28)

- Joseph's Expression Of Kindness/Mercy (Gen. 42:25)
- Surprise At The Encampment (Gen. 42:27-28)
- They Thought God Was Behind It All And He Was, Just Not As They Thought (Gen. 42:28; 50:20)



Two Messages For This Week

- The Difference Between Regret And Repentance (2 Corinthians 7:10)
- The Difference Between Forgetting And Forgiving (Rom. 12:19, 21)

"'Tis not enough to say I'm sorry, and repent,
And then go on from day to day just as we always
went.

Repentance is to leave the sins we did before,
And show that we in earnest grieve by doing them
no more." -- Unknown



Now What Do We Do?

Would We Be Baptized Today For The Forgiveness Of Sins?

Hear Him (Romans 10:17)

Believe Him (Mark 16:16)

Repent Of Sins Against Him (Acts 2:38)

Confess Him (Acts 8:37)

Be Baptized Into Him (Acts 22:16)

Live For Him (Galatians 2:20)

Would We Be Restored Today If An Erring Christian?

Come Back To Him (Matthew 11:28-30)

Repent (Acts 8:22)

Pray (James 5:16)

