

RETURNING WITH BENJAMIN
(Genesis 43:16-34)

A. The Brothers Are Directed to Joseph's House for Dinner (43:16-25)

1. When Joseph's brothers finally stood in front of him again, he ordered his steward to prepare a _____ for all of them, but his brothers grew _____ and began to _____. (43:16-22)
2. This personal invite to Joseph's home makes them _____ as to _____ this would be?
 - Why would they fear?
 - What does fear & unresolved guilt do?
3. They thought that Joseph was trying to make a _____ charge _____ them concerning the _____ they found in their food sacks. (43:18)
4. Upon hearing their fears, Joseph's steward seeks to _____ the brothers concerning all of this... "**Peace** be with you, do not be _____ ... the _____ of your fathers has given you _____ in your sacks" (43:23)
 - How did this Egyptian steward know anything about the "*comfort*" of the *God of their fathers* & the *peace* He affords?
 - What should this say to us?

B. The Brothers Dining with Joseph (43:27-34)

1. When Joseph arrived at noon, his 11 brothers all _____ down to him, and so his _____ prophetic dream (37:5-8) from when he was 17 was finally _____ (43:26-28)

2. After hearing about his father's _____ & seeing his younger brother for the first time since he was a baby, Joseph is so _____ that he seeks a place to _____ privately!

- Is it wrong for men to be emotional & cry?

3. Because of the _____ differences of the day, _____ separate _____ arrangements are made for their dinner. (43:32)

4. The brothers are further astonished that somehow the _____ arrangements at dinner were precisely according to _____, from the _____ down to the _____. (43:33)

5. At dinner, Benjamin was _____ with generous portions of _____ over the _____ of the brothers. (43:34)

- Why is Benjamin served 5x more food?

- What should all this mean to you?