

DREAMS DO COME TRUE

(Genesis 43)

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A. The Lord was _____ in bringing about His providential plan in bringing Jacob's family to Egypt, so the famine was _____ in the land. (43:1-5)

* Does God know how to deal with our stubbornness?

B. _____ and _____ are two necessary ingredients for reconciliation and restoration to _____ with God and with your fellow man.

C. Jacob sought to _____ his sons for his current trial because they had told "the Egyptian" that he had another son; but it is clear that he was NOT willing to _____ the Lord in the matter. (43:6)

* Although Judah was thinking in a sensible fashion (unlike his father), what was still lacking?

* What is the "Benjamin" in your life that you are not willing to let go, or give over to the Lord?

D. When faced with _____ as the alternative, with a negative, _____ attitude, Jacob reluctantly allowed his sons to take their brother Benjamin to Egypt. (43:11-14)

* What will it take for God to get your attention in matters that He wants addressed?

E. After a long absence, when Joseph's brothers finally stood in front of him again, he ordered his steward to prepare _____ for all of them, but his brothers were _____. (43:16-22)

* What does unconfessed sin do to a guilty conscience?

F. Joseph's house steward gave a _____ of Jehovah God, and of course he must have _____ this from Joseph. (43:23; 1 Pet. 3:15)

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

H. The very moment Joseph laid eyes on his brother Benjamin (whom he had never really spoken to), he had to _____ himself because he was overcome with _____. (43:29-30)

* Why were Joseph's brothers surprised at the seating arrangements? (v. 33)

* What explanations can be given for Joseph's treatment of Benjamin? (v. 34)

* How can you apply the truths from this chapter in your own life?