

THE SHOCK OF A LIFETIME!

(Genesis 44:1-45:15)

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A. Joseph's final test was to have his steward once again return all of his brothers' money in their baggage for a second time, and to _____ Benjamin with stealing his silver cup. (44:1-6)

* Why would Joseph first *favor* Benjamin in front of his brothers and then intentionally *frame* him?

B. When Joseph's steward overtook them, his brothers had a _____. (44:7-11)

* What did Jacob's sons suggest as punishment for the guilty party?

C. When the cup was discovered in Benjamin's baggage-- all of the brothers _____ their _____, and all of them _____ to Egypt to plead on behalf of their youngest brother. (44:12-15)

* How does the brothers' reaction reveal genuine change in their hearts?

* What is the practice of divination? (vv. 5, 15)

D. Judah (the original ringleader in the sale of Joseph into slavery) now demonstrated true _____ by offering himself as a _____ in place of his brother Benjamin. (44:16-34)

* How did Judah's actions picture the Lord Jesus? (vv. 32-33)

X. JOSEPH REVEALS HIS TRUE IDENTITY TO HIS BROTHERS (Genesis 45:1-15)

A. After hearing Judah's rehearsal of the events which led up to this moment, Joseph could not _____ restrain himself, and he finally _____ his identity to his brothers. (45:1-4)

* How do we know that his brothers were literally speechless? (vv. 3-4)

B. By what Joseph said next gave evidence of his _____ viewpoint, when he repeatedly emphasized the _____ of God in _____ him to Egypt to preserve life. (45:5-8)

* How did Joseph acknowledge his brothers' volitional choices in the matter? (vv. 4-5)

C. Joseph wanted his brothers to quickly _____ a message to their father to bring the whole family to Egypt and he would _____ for all their needs. (45:9-13)

D. After so many years of _____ and heartache, Joseph was reunited with his brothers and finally able to _____ them. (45:14-15)

* What did Joseph's behavior towards his brothers demonstrate about his character?

* How can you personally apply this truth in your own life?