

1 – LESSON #32: Story of Joseph part7 - Genesis 43 to 44

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Narrator #1: Joseph's 9 older brothers made their 2nd trip to Egypt to purchase grain so that their family would live and not die of starvation.

Narrator #2: This time, they had their youngest brother Benjamin with them.

Narrator #1: They also brought double the amount of silver coins to again try to pay for the grain they had purchased the last time they came to Egypt.

Narrator #2: They were badly frightened when the governor's steward took them to his house. They wondered, "**Was he going to arrest us or attack us or kill us?**"

Narrator #1: Quickly, they explained to the steward about finding their silver coins in the bags of grain they had brought home to Canaan.

Narrator #2: They begged, "**Please understand that we brought double the amount of silver coins to pay for that grain as well as the grain we wish to purchase today.**"

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Narrator #1: Very kindly, Joseph's steward said, "It's all right. Don't be afraid." He pretended that he had actually received their silver coins, so that this silver must have been a gift from their God.

Narrator #2: Calming down, they followed the steward into Joseph's house. They gratefully received the water to wash their feet. They were also happy to be given food for their donkeys.

Narrator #1: Best of all, the steward brought Simeon out to them, whom they had been forced to leave behind the first time they came to Egypt.

Narrator #2: His other brothers were so happy to see that he was safe and well. That was such a relief!



Narrator #1: The brothers prepared the gifts their father Jacob, also known as Israel, had sent. They also cleaned themselves up as they heard they would be eating a noontime meal with Egypt's 2nd in command.

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Narrator #2: When Joseph came home, they presented their gifts to the governor and then bowed themselves down to the ground.

Narrator #1: Using an interpreter, Joseph asked, "**How is your aged father you told me about? Is he still living?**"

Narrator #2: The brothers replied, "**Yes, your servant, our father, is still alive and well.**" Again, they bowed themselves down to the ground.

Narrator #1: As Joseph looked about, he spotted his young brother Benjamin, his own mother's 2nd son.

Narrator #2: Joseph asked, "**Is this your youngest brother, the one you told me about?**"

Narrator #1: They nodded. Joseph said, "**God be gracious to you, my son.**"

Narrator #2: Deeply moved at the sight of his blood brother, Joseph hurried out of the room so they would not see him crying.

Narrator #1: After Joseph had washed his face, he returned. Controlling his emotions, he told his steward, "**Serve the food.**"

Narrator #2: The brothers were seated at one table. Joseph and the other Egyptians in the room sat at another table.

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Narrator #1: They were seated separately as no Egyptian would willingly eat at the same table with Hebrews, later to be called Jews. In other words, they were prejudiced.

Narrator #2: The brothers were astonished that the steward correctly seated them in the order of their birth, from the oldest to the youngest. How could he know?

Narrator #1: When the steward served them food, they all noticed that he gave Benjamin five times the amount they received.

Narrator #2: There was still plenty for them all to eat. All the people feasted and drank freely with the governor of Egypt.

Narrator #1: After the meal, Joseph whispered to his steward, **"Fill the men's sacks with as much food as they can carry. Also, put their silver coins into the mouth of each sack."**

Narrator #2: Joseph also instructed him, **"Place my own special cup, the silver one, into the mouth of the youngest brother's sack, along with his silver coins and grain."**

Narrator #1: The steward obeyed. Then he led the brothers to a room where they could spend the night.

Narrator #2: When dawn arrived, the steward sent the 11 brothers on their way back to their father in Canaan.

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Narrator #1: They had not gone far when Joseph sent the steward to chase them down to ask why they had stolen Joseph's special silver cup.

Narrator #2: When he got there, the steward demanded, **"Why have you repaid good with evil? One of you wicked men has stolen the governor's special silver cup!"**

Narrator #1: The brothers protested, **"We would never have done anything so wicked! Search our bags. If you find it, that brother shall die, and the rest of us will become that governor's slaves."**

Narrator #2: The steward nodded his head. Beginning with the oldest brother, he searched each man's sack of grain.

Narrator #1: What strange adventures will happen to them next when he finds the silver cup in the youngest brother's sack? You will find out next week.

Narrator #2: **END OF SKIT.** Let's give our volunteers a great big hand!