

TRAVELING THE ROAD TO REPENTANCE Pt. 2 **{Genesis 42}**

- Repentance in all 3 tenses of salvation:

A. The FAMINE in CANAAN. (42:1-5)

B. The ENCOUNTER in EGYPT. (42:6-24)

1. Joseph's *recognition* of his *brothers*. {42:6-8}

2. Joseph's *remembrance* of his *dreams*. {42:9}

3. Joseph's *rough questioning* of his *brothers*. {42:10-13}

4. Joseph's *re-enacted test* for his *brothers*. {42:14-20}

- What is interesting about all this?
- Why did Joseph change his mind and soften the test?
- What would this accomplish?
- What did Joseph still require of them?

5. Joseph's *realization* of his *brother's recognized guilt*. {42:21-24}

- What was happening in their consciences?
- What new information are we learning?
- What immediately do they fix as to the cause for these trials?
- How does Rueben react to all this?
- How does Joseph respond upon hearing all this?
- What happened next to Simeon and why him?

C. The RETURN to CANAAN. (42:25-38)

1. **Joseph's provisions for his family. {42:25-28}**

- Why did Joseph do this and what does God do to us at times?
- Instead of joy, what did this result in?
- What probing question do they now ask?

2. **Jacob's reaction to their story. {42:29-36}**

- Did the brothers finally come clean about what they had done to Joseph?
- How does Jacob react to the news?
- Was this a DVP response or a HVP reaction?
- Did Jacob's reactions help or hinder the trials they were facing?
- What 3 responses or reactions do we see to suffering in this story thus far?

3. **Rueben's irrational proposal to his dad. {42:37}** What does this bring out?

4. **Jacob's refusal to let Benjamin go. {42:38}** What again does this surface about Jacob?

Some closing thoughts: