

“Joseph and Testing” Genesis 43

1. GOD _____. The purpose of testing is to _____ the value, accuracy, skill, knowledge, or _____ of something or someone.
Jeremiah 17:10 Testing allows _____. (are you being tested?)

A. GOD tested Abraham to see if Abraham _____ more or his son, Isaac, more. Gen. 22:1

B. The manna that GOD supernaturally gave HIS People was both a _____ and a _____. Ex.16:4

C. In John 6:5-6 JESUS asked, “Where can we buy bread _____ all these people? HE was testing Philip for HE already knew what HE was going to do.”

2. _____ is a Test and should cause a person to ultimately act.
(or not) **V.1-2**

A. Week by week, the family watched their food supply _____.

B. Nobody was willing to bring up Dad’s (Jacob) issues of _____ his favorite son, Benjamin. And no one voiced concern over the brother (Simeon) _____ in prison in Egypt.

C. Are things _____ in your life? Are you ready to act?
Prov. 16:26 “a worker’s appetite works for him, his _____ urges him on”
Prov. 21:5 “the plans of the _____ lead to advantage”

D. Stop _____ people that you love. Prov. 6:9-11, Luke 15:17

3. _____ is a Test. **V. 3-15** How do you deal with it?

A. With the food all but gone, Jacob finally told his sons to go back to Egypt “to buy _____ food.” Jacob was _____ the obvious.

B. _____, the fourth son, stepped forward in the midst of unhealthy family relationships and took _____. He reminded Jacob that they could not return to Egypt _____ taking Benjamin along.

C. Jacob tried to _____ to his sons, saying, “Why did you bring this trouble on me?” **V.6**

D. Judah wisely sidestepped _____ with his father on issues that could not be changed. There seems to be a _____ in Judah, because of his past choices and the regrettable memory of the sale of Joseph (37:26-27) – Judah made a stunning offer: to be _____ for the life of his brother, Benjamin.

V.8-9

E. Judah reminded his father: 1. This was a matter of _____. **V.8**

2. Their children and grandchildren were in _____ of dying.

3. This _____ has already been costly. **V.10**

F. On the _____ journey back to Egypt the 10 brothers had plenty of time

to think about the four problems, they faced: 1. Getting _____ released.
2. Protecting _____. 3. Procuring _____. 4. Explaining why
they still had the _____ from their last purchase.

4. The brothers being invited to a _____ was a Test. **V.16-34**
- A. Use your home to show _____ to people that need love and acceptance.
Luke 14:12 Sharing a meal _____ barriers and promotes connection and
friendship.
- B. Going to Joseph's elaborate _____ was a fear-inducing development. **V.18**
- C. They explained to Joseph's second in command, the _____ of having found
their returned money in their sacks on their return from the previous trip.
V.19-22 Joseph's chief steward assured them that they were _____, that
their _____ had given them their money back, and that he was the _____
that made it happen. **V.23**
- D. When Joseph arrived at the residence at noon, the brothers presented their
gifts to this powerful man they did not _____, and bowed to him, fulfilling
the prophesy of Genesis 37.
- E. Joseph asked about their _____. **V.27-28** (do you see the emotion coming?)
Then he _____ at and spoke to Benjamin. **V.29** The dam of emotion
erupted and Joseph hurried to another room to _____. **V.30-31** Can you
show emotion and cry? Over what? A _____ is a good thing.
- F. Astonishingly the brothers were seated for the banquet in the _____ of
their birth, which was mystifying. **V.33**
- G. _____ is a Test. Joseph purposely had Benjamin, his full brother, served five
times the portions of his other brothers. **V.34** Can you _____ the
blessings and successes of others? Or do you get petty, angry, and
act like you've been _____? Phil. 4:19, Mark 10:44-45
5. **Pastor's Words for our Time:** _____ is a Test; it is unfair,
destructive, and _____ to GOD. **V.32 "disgust"** Gal. 2:11-13
Meeting people that are not like us ... sometimes make us _____,
or we feel awkward or _____, or we have a hard time relating.
Don't _____ people, when you don't even know them. It is the _____
that matters, not a person's skin color, their _____, their education, their
economic status, or their abilities or _____ of abilities. People matter because
they are made in GOD's _____, and CHRIST died for them. Therefore we are
to be Ministers of _____ by building bridges to people we might pull
away from. (_____ through) 2 Cor. 5:11-21 The very people the elite of Egypt
were repulsed by, would be the very ones that would _____ their Nation.

