

JACOB'S SONS RETURN TO EGYPT

Day 1: Review

1. What impacted you from reading lesson 14 commentary notes this week?

2. How did the lesson 15 lecture encourage you?

Day 2: Read Genesis 43:1-14 [\[Open NIV\]](#) [\[Open NKJV\]](#)

3. FACTS:
 - A. Describe the conversation between Judah and his father, Jacob, about going back to Egypt without Benjamin (verses 1-7).

 - B. How did Judah take leadership in the situation (verses 8-10)?

 - C. What did Jacob tell Judah to take with him to Egypt (verses 11-13)?

 - D. What did Jacob ask of God for his sons (verse 14)?

4. LESSONS: What do you learn from Judah about taking responsibility?

5. APPLICATION: What area of your life requires you to take more responsibility?

Day 3: Read Genesis 43:15-34, Genesis 37:9-11 [\[Open NIV\]](#) [\[Open NKJV\]](#)

6. FACTS:

A. How were the brothers welcomed in Egypt and how did they react (verses 15-25)? How were they encouraged by Joseph's steward?

B. How do you connect the brothers' first seeing Joseph (verses 26-28) with his dream recorded in Genesis 37:9-11?

C. What was Joseph's response upon seeing Benjamin (verses 29-30)?

D. During lunch, how was everyone seated and served?

7. LESSONS: Why do you think Joseph had Benjamin receive 5 times the lunch portions his brothers were served?

8. APPLICATION: How should you apply something learned from this luncheon reunion?

Day 4: Read Genesis 44:1-13 [\[Open NIV\]](#) [\[Open NKJV\]](#)

9. FACTS:

A. Describe what happened to the brothers soon after leaving Egypt for home.

B. What did the brothers tell Joseph's steward should happen to anyone found with the silver cup (verse 9)?

C. What did Joseph's steward say would happen to the one found with the silver cup and also the rest of the brothers?

10. LESSONS:

A. What lesson can be learned from the way Joseph treated his brothers?

B. What lessons can be learned from the emotional ups and downs Joseph's brothers must have experienced?

11. APPLICATION: How can you apply one of the lessons from Question 10 to your life?

Day 5: Read Genesis 44:14-24, Genesis 37 [\[Open NIV\]](#) [\[Open NKJV\]](#)

12. FACTS:

A. Summarize Judah's proposal to Joseph (verses 14-24).

B. Summarize Joseph's counter proposal.

C. Give words and phrases that show Judah's respect for Joseph.

13. LESSONS:

- A. What truth about God is revealed in verse 16?

- B. What do you learn about God from the change in Judah's attitude exhibited in today's verses compared to Chapter 37?

14. APPLICATION: What can you apply to your life from these verses?

Day 6: Read Genesis 44:25-34 [\[Open NIV\]](#) [\[Open NKJV\]](#)

- 15. FACTS: Summarize the rest of Judah's conversation with Joseph (verses 25-34).

- 16. LESSONS: How does Judah's plea to Joseph remind you of Jesus Christ? Write down the phrases that express Christ-like character.

- 17. APPLICATION: In verse 34, Judah tells Joseph not to allow him to see the misery of his father, speaking of Jacob.
 - A. How are you motivated to righteous living by the fear of the misery your actions might bring to your Heavenly Father?

 - B. How does the fact you might displease God help guide your life?