

THE ROAD TO GENUINE REPENTANCE
LEARNING FROM GOD'S DEALINGS WITH JOSEPH'S BROTHERS
Genesis 43:15-44:34

- I. REVIEW: REALIZE GOD USES DIFFICULT AND UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES TO CAUSE US TO REFLECT ON OUR OWN LIVES:** God uses famine, harsh treatment, imprisonment and the return of the brother's money to cause them to reflect upon their own sinful lives (42-43:14)
- II. UNDERSTAND GOD ALSO USES HIS UNDESERVED LOVINGKINDNESS TO LEAD US TO REPENTANCE:** God through Joseph confronts the brother's fears and self-effort with his lovingkindness, while continuing to test them (15-34)
- A. The brother's fears are met with God's grace (15-24)

 - B. The brother's futile efforts are met with God's tender kindness and sovereignty (25-34a)

 - C. The brothers are tested in regard to their attitude toward Benjamin (34b)
jealousy
- III. REALIZE ONE MUST BE BROKEN OF ALL SELF CONFIDENCE AND SELF RIGHTEOUSNESS TO COME TO TRUE REPENTANCE:** The brothers are sovereignly set up and accused of being thieves and their self-righteous is exposed (44:1-13)
- IV. UNDERSTAND WHAT TRUE REPENTANCE LOOKS LIKE:** The brothers are finally broken, admitting their guilt, with no excuses and thus demonstrating a real heart change (44:14-34)
- A. The brothers are finally broken: God (not Joseph) has found them out (14-16)

 - B. The brothers are given a chance to go free at Benjamin's expense, but refuse, demonstrating the heart change is real (17-34)