

Day 1 | Read Genesis 42 and 2 Samuel 12:1-15

1. Why do you think Joseph managed his brothers the way he did with harsh language, threats of espionage, hidden money, and forcing them to return with Benjamin?
2. What is required for you to feel the weight of your sin and turn to God in confession?

Day 2 | Read Genesis 42 and 1 John 4:20

1. How did Joseph demonstrate deep love for his brothers after 30 years of being torn from his family?
2. Within the context of this chapter, how would you compare Jacob's faith and behavior to Joseph's?
3. How do you find yourself managing difficult family issues, and what would help you lead in this area with a higher level of compassion, understanding, and love?

Day 3 | Read Genesis 43:1-15, Mark 3:31-35

1. How would you describe Jacob's relationship with God at this point in this story?
2. How do you see yourself and other parents making children into idols, i.e. something we love more than God?

Day 4 | Read Genesis 43:16-34

1. What were all the threats Jacob's family faced and what were the ways in which God provided for them?
2. Read Isaiah 55:6-9. How do you think God wants you to feel and behave in your difficult situations knowing that, like Jacob, you cannot see or anticipate God's plan or how he'll use it for the good?