

Chapter 44:

Was verse 9 a rash statement or an example of the deep trust the brothers had in each other?

Contrast the brother's attitude from when they sold Joseph into slavery vs. their attitude at the prospect of Benjamin being taken into slavery.

In what ways can you see God's work in Judah's life from chapters 37 & 38 to now?

Chapter 45:

Why did Joseph send the Egyptians out of the room?

"You sold...God sent". Describe Joseph's forgiveness and attitude over all that had happened.

Did Joseph need to tell them not to quarrel in verse 24?

How had Jacob's attitude shifted from 42:36 to 45:28?

Why do you think verse 28 suddenly shifts from using the name "Jacob" in the preceding sentences to "Israel"?

Chapter 46:

Where did Israel stop and what did do along the way to Egypt?

Describe Jacob's vision.

How big was the family that moved to Egypt?

Why was it significant to tell Pharaoh they were shepherds and how would it benefit them?

Chapter 47:

Judah, not the firstborn, was sent ahead of Jacob to get directions from Joseph. Who should have been sent? Can you explain why he wasn't?

Why would Jacob use the word "pilgrimage" to answer how old he was?

Discuss the famine and the assistance offered. Was this extortion?

How many more years did Jacob live after moving to Egypt? What did he ask of Joseph before he died?

Reflection:

What do you understand about God through this reading?

Are you able to forgive those who have wronged you and/or have you ever wronged someone and had to prove to them that you were trustworthy? Did you resent that time of testing?

Reflect back on your life. Can you see God's hand at work throughout both the good and the hard times?