

Living By Faith Not Sight

“Evidence Of A Doubting Heart”

Genesis 42:29-43:14

God has Joseph's brother's Attention... But He is NOT Finished with them yet.

In their time of NEED, God not only Worked it out that they Got the FOOD they NEEDED... He Worked it out so that they Got it for FREE.

Three Ways their father, JACOB Demonstrates a Doubting Heart...

1. JACOB RESPONDS WITH FEAR. (42:29-38)

- Have you EVER FELT like Everything & Everyone is Against YOU?
- This was Jacob's Opportunity to Point Everyone's Attention to the Lord.
- Often FEAR (False Evidence Appearing Real) STEALS what GOD wants to GIVE...
- FEAR can be a Serious Barrier to GOD'S BEST for our lives.
- The most COMMON Command in the Bible is... "FEAR NOT."

2. JACOB REFUSES TO DEPEND ON GOD. (43:1-10)

- While God IS AT WORK, the Famine just does NOT LET UP. (Genesis 43:1-3)
- The Biggest Reason for Procrastination is DOUBT.
- In times of Stress, Jacob always Returns to his OLD WAYS.
- As a Christian, Are YOU beginning to Realize that the Life you're Living is MORE about OTHERS than it is about YOU?
- JUDAH puts his Finger on PaPa's Biggest Problem – PROCRASTINATION (v.10)

3. JACOB IS RELUCTANT TO SUBMIT TO GOD. (43:11-14)

- For the First Time, Jacob STEPS UP as "Israel" & Surrenders everything into the hands of Almighty God...
- Then Jacob Faithlessly says, "If I am Bereaved, I am Bereaved!"
- Jacob Dealt with all his Problems from the Wrong Perspective...DOUBT
- An "Uncertain Heart" seeks Direction...but a "Doubting heart" Rejects the Direction it has Received.
- As the brothers Journeyed Back to Egypt, God Continued to prepare them for the Greatest Blessing of their lives...FORGIVENESS