

Living By Faith Not Sight “Restoring Broken Trust”

Genesis 43:15 - 44:34

TRUST is Hard to Obtain & Easy to Lose.

BROKEN TRUST CAN be Restored but it's NEVER the SAME.

To Trust his brothers again, Joseph needed to Believe TWO THINGS...

- (1) They were Telling him the WHOLE Truth.
- (2) They were TRULY Sorry for what they had done.

A GUILTY Conscience does Tricky Things to our MINDS. (Genesis 43:15-18)

GUILT had kept the brothers from Seeing God's Hand of Grace. (Genesis 43:20-33)

By offering TWO TESTS, Joseph Determines if they've TRULY CHANGED.

1. A TEST OF JEALOUSY. (vv.43:34-44:14)

- Now, Benjamin is the Favored Son of Jacob.
- How would they React to Benjamin being Singled Out & Given Favor OVER THEM?
- Joseph Instructs his steward to put his own personal Silver Cup in Benjamin's sack. (vv.44:1-4)
- When the Cup was found in Benjamin's Sack, they were Sick at Heart & Tore their clothes in Sorrow. (vv.10-14)

2. A TEST OF SELF-CENTEREDNESS. (vv.44:15-34)

- Every One of the brothers Wished that cup was in his OWN Sack rather than Benjamin's.
- They were ALL Ready to Offer Themselves as Joseph's SLAVES.
- Judah said, “it Wasn't “HE” who was Guilty...it was “WE.” (v.16)
- Here Judah, who Convinced his brothers to SELL Joseph into Slavery, NOW Offers HIMSELF to be a SLAVE. (vv.32-33)
- REGRET Alone CANNOT Rebuild TRUST.

THREE TRUTHS ABOUT TRUST...

1. TRUST is PRECIOUS, we must TREASURE It.
 2. When we BREAK Trust, we must seek to RESTORE It.
 3. TRUST is not simply GRANTED, we must EARN It.
- GOD has Proven Himself TRUSTWORTHY in EVERY Area of your life.