

JACOB'S BACK IS UP AGAINST THE WALL AGAIN!

Genesis 43:1-15

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1. JACOB'S REQUIREMENT – vv. 1-4

God's timing was perfect. He set Jacob up to deal with a matter that he had placed on the backburner. He had either forgotten about his son's episode in Egypt or didn't care.

2. JUDAH'S REMINDER - vv. 3-5

a) Reminded Him What The Man Said – v. 3 - We'll look like fools going back there without Benjamin! Why are you being so stubborn and ornery?

b) Reacts Against Jacob's Requirement – v. 4-5 - gives 2 options:

Option 1 - send our brother with us, we will go down and buy you food.

Option 2 - But if you do not send him, we will not go down;

Sacrifice the life of his son or sacrifice the entire family dying of starvation.

3. JACOB'S REBUTTAL – vv. 6-7

a) Blames His Sons Of Mistreatment – v. 6 If they'd only kept their mouths closed, they wouldn't be in this predicament! Jacob ought to have known better. *Genesis 28 & 32*

b) His Sons Plead Ignorance – v. 7 - We had no idea the man would ask the questions he did. We couldn't lie, because we were already charged as spies. How were we to know he would ask for Benjamin?

4. JUDAH'S REQUEST – vv. 8-10

a) Have Benjamin Go With Me So No One Dies! – v. 8 - Enough talk! We need to get moving so death wouldn't claim our entire family. Your love for Benjamin is going to put us all to death, either one way or the other.

b) Hold Me Responsible for Benjamin! – vv. 9-10

The bottom line is that you must simply let go of your pride, selfishness and control over Benjamin. I'm going to put my life on the line for him.

5. JACOB'S RESIGNS – vv. 11-15

a) Takes The Matter Out Of His Hands – vv. 11-15 - Jacob says since this is the way it has to be, take a gift of our best products from the land and Ben.

b) Places The Matter In God's Hand – v. 14

- **External Matters** - Jacob is now practicing *Proverbs 3:5-7* depending upon God Almighty.
- **Internal Matter** – If after all is said and done, the Lord allows me to be bereaved of my children, then so be it.