

Read Genesis 42:15-20

15 This is how I will test your story. I swear by the life of Pharaoh that you will never leave Egypt unless your youngest brother comes here!

16 One of you must go and get your brother. I'll keep the rest of you here in prison. Then we'll find out whether or not your story is true. By the life of Pharaoh, if it turns out that you don't have a younger brother, then I'll know you are spies."

17 So Joseph put them all in prison for three days.

18 On the third day Joseph said to them, "I am a God-fearing man. If you do as I say, you will live.

19 If you really are honest men, choose one of your brothers to remain in prison. The rest of you may go home with grain for your starving families.

20 But you must bring your youngest brother back to me. This will prove that you are telling the truth, and you will not die." To this they agreed.

After Joseph accused his brothers of being spies, what did he do next (v. 15)? Joseph tested his brothers.

What did he say they had to do (v. 16)? One of them had to go back home and get their younger brother and bring him to Joseph.

Who was their younger brother? Benjamin

What did Joseph do next (v. 17)? He put them all in prison for three days.

Why would he put them in prison? The Bible doesn't exactly tell us. Maybe so they could be thinking about what they were going to do. Maybe which one of them would go to get Benjamin.

Then Joseph changed his plan. What did Joseph actually do (v. 19)? He let all the brothers could go home with the grain they bought. Except he kept one of the brothers in prison in Egypt.

What was the final thing the brothers had to do (v. 20)? They had to go get Benjamin and bring him back to Joseph.

What would that prove? That the brothers were not lying when they told him they had a younger brother (v. 13)

What did Joseph promise them if they brought Benjamin back? He wouldn't kill them and their brother that they left behind.