

Read Genesis 43:1-10

**1** But the famine continued to ravage the land of Canaan.

**2** When the grain they had brought from Egypt was almost gone, Jacob said to his sons, “Go back and buy us a little more food.”

**3** But Judah said, “The man was serious when he warned us, ‘You won’t see my face again unless your brother is with you.’

**4** If you send Benjamin with us, we will go down and buy more food.

**5** But if you don’t let Benjamin go, we won’t go either. Remember, the man said, ‘You won’t see my face again unless your brother is with you.’”

**6** “Why were you so cruel to me?” Jacob moaned. “Why did you tell him you had another brother?”

**7** “The man kept asking us questions about our family,” they replied. “He asked, ‘Is your father still alive? Do you have another brother?’ So, we answered his questions. How could we know he would say, ‘Bring your brother down here?’”

**8** Judah said to his father, “Send the boy with me, and we will be on our way. Otherwise we will all die of starvation—and not only we, but you and our little ones.

**9** I personally guarantee his safety. You may hold me responsible if I don’t bring him back to you. Then let me bear the blame forever.

**10** If we hadn’t wasted all this time, we could have gone and returned twice by now.”

**Some time later, what was happening in Canaan (the Promised Land) (v. 1)?** There was still a famine going on. Nobody had any food.

**When their grain was running out, what did Jacob tell his sons to do (v. 2)?** Go to Egypt and buy us some more food.

**What did Judah remind Jacob of (vv. 3-5)?** (Read) Remember what the governor over the land of Egypt told us -- We can’t go back unless we take Benjamin with us.

**What did Jacob complain about (v. 6)?** You make life so hard for me. Why did you have to tell him you had another brother anyway.

**How did Judah respond (v. 7)?** He just asked us questions and we answered them. We didn’t know he would want us to bring Benjamin back.

**What did Judah promise his dad (vv. 8-9)?** (read)

**Which other brother had promised he would bring Benjamin back safely?** Reuben (42:37)

**How did Judah finish his conversation with his dad (v. 10)?** Quit wasting time. We could have made two trips to Egypt and been back by now.