

Read Genesis 43:11-17

11 So their father, Jacob, finally said to them, “If it can’t be avoided, then at least do this. Pack your bags with the best products of this land. Take them down to the man as gifts—balm, honey, gum, aromatic resin, pistachio nuts, and almonds.

12 Also take double the money that was put back in your sacks, as it was probably someone’s mistake.

13 Then take your brother, and go back to the man.

14 May God Almighty give you mercy as you go before the man, so that he will release Simeon and let Benjamin return. But if I must lose my children, so be it.”

15 So the men packed Jacob’s gifts and double the money and headed off with Benjamin. They finally arrived in Egypt and presented themselves to Joseph.

16 When Joseph saw Benjamin with them, he said to the manager of his household, “These men will eat with me this noon. Take them inside the palace. Then go slaughter an animal, and prepare a big feast.”

17 So the man did as Joseph told him and took them into Joseph’s palace.

After Judah pleaded with his dad, what did Jacob say (v. 11)? If you have to go, I guess you have to go. Jacob finally realized he didn’t have a choice.

What did Jacob tell his sons to take with them (vv. 11-12)? (Read) Lots of gifts for the governor of the land of Egypt and twice as much money as they found in their sacks.

Who did Jacob give the brothers permission to take back with them (v. 12)? Benjamin

What was Jacob’s prayer (v. 14)? He prayed for God’s mercy on his sons as they went back to Egypt. That they would all come back and bring both Simeon and Benjamin with them. But if my sons die, it’s okay. I will accept it.

What does that tell you about Jacob? He has quit worrying and is trusting God for his sons’ safety.

Can we trust God for our safety?

When the brothers arrived in Egypt with Benjamin, what did Joseph tell his manager to do (v. 16)? Prepare a big feast. These men will eat lunch with me today in the palace.