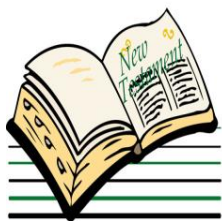


Sermon Notes



Title: *Joseph's Second Encounter With His Brothers*

Text: Genesis 43:1-34

Theme: Salvation is preceded by God's kindness, a kindness that should lead you to repentance. Joseph's second encounter with his brothers was preparing them for peace and reconciliation with Him. Your encounter with the Word of God through the life of Joseph prepares you for the same thing.

I. **Jacob's Family** _____ **About a** _____
to Egypt for Food (1-14)

II. **The Brothers Travel to Egypt and Are** _____
at Joseph's _____ **(15-25)**

III. **The Brothers** _____ **With Joseph Still Without**
_____ **Him (26-34)**

IV. **Applications**

A. The larger story in this account is how God prepared _____ to dwell among us, and to _____ and bring peace to a greater _____.

B. The story of Joseph is designed to bring you to a place where you _____ the _____ from the source of true _____.

C. The story of Joseph points beyond him to _____ and _____ through _____.

To read for next week: Genesis 44:1-34

Questions to Discuss and Consider at Home or in Small Group:

1. Why did Jacob want his sons to return to Egypt (vv. 1-2)?
2. What was the condition that had to be fulfilled if the brothers sought to return to Egypt (v. 3)?
3. Who stepped up to guarantee that this condition would be successfully carried out? What did he promise? What did he agree to if Benjamin did not return safely (vv. 3-10)?
4. What gifts did Jacob send along to present to the Egyptian governor (v. 11)?
5. When the brothers arrived, what did Joseph instruct his steward to prepare (v. 16)?
6. Why were the brothers afraid to go to Joseph's house (v. 18)?
7. When the brothers arrived at Joseph's house, how did Joseph respond to them (vv. 26-27)?
8. When Joseph saw Benjamin, how did he react (vv. 29-30)?
9. As they were about to have the meal, what did Joseph do that amazed the others in the room (v. 33)?
10. While feasting, how did Joseph serve the brothers? How did he distinguish the older brothers from the younger brother? What was the attitude of everyone at the meal (vv. 32-34)?
11. What differences do you see in Judah at this point in his life as compared with earlier times? How do you account for this?
12. Why do you suppose Joseph acted differently at this encounter with his brothers than he did at the first encounter?
13. What clues might Joseph have been giving to his brothers that would indicate who he really was? Why do you suppose the brothers were unable to put any of these clues together?
14. In what ways was Joseph preparing his brothers for reconciliation with him?
15. Why did (or, do) you need to be reconciled with God? How did God prepare you to be reconciled with Him?