



“Hurdles of Hospitality”

Issues that Isolate
Genesis 43:15-34

Fearing:

I. Injury - “and fall upon us” (vs. 15-23)

Challenges Your Courage

Risk being:

A. Compromised - “seek occasion against us”

B. Conscripted - “take us for bondmen”

C. Confiscated - “and (take) our asses”

II. Inquiry - “Is this your younger brother?” (vs. 24-31)

Challenges Your Compassion

Respond with:

A. Benevolence - “gave them water, ...their asses provender”

Real help....cost money

B. Blessing - “God be gracious unto thee, my son”

Real Encouragementcost words

C. Bowels - “his bowels did yearn upon his brother”

Real Support...cost emotions

III. Inequity - “he took and sent messes unto them” (vs. 32-34)

Challenges your Contentment

Revealing:

A. Prejudice - “Egyptians...not eat bread with the Hebrews”

B. Position - “according to his birthright and...to his youth”

C. Privilege - “Benjamin’s mess was five times...as any”

Sentence Sermon:

“Christian Hospitality is extending God’s welcome
by making people feel at home in our lives.”

Additional Verses

- Exodus 8:25-27
- Genesis 37:8-11; 19-20
- Matthew 20:13-15
- Luke 6:35-38
- Deuteronomy 7:7-8
- Psalm 100:4
- Psalm 31:23-24
- I Corinthians 15:8-10
- Romans 12:13
- Hebrews 13:1-2, 16
- I Timothy 3:2
- I Peter 4:8-10
- III John 1:5-8
- Galatians 5:13; 6:10
- Genesis 20:15
- Acts 2:46

Questions to Ponder:

1. What are the key words in this passage?
2. Who is the central character of the passage?
3. How would you describe the brother’s emotions in verse 15?
4. How would you describe Joseph’s emotions in verses 15-16?
5. What do the servant’s words in verse 23 tell you about him?
6. Where do you think the brother’s had placed their hope? Why?
7. Why was Joseph so moved emotionally with seeing Benjamin?
8. What did Joseph hope to do by arranging the brothers in order?
9. What are some reasons for Benjamin getting 5 times the messes?
10. What are some lessons on showing hospitality from Joseph?