

# Stunning Grace to Joseph's Brothers

## Study 16: Genesis 42-45

1. Read **Genesis 41:53 – 44:34**. Who goes to Egypt to buy grain from Joseph? Why did they go all the way to Egypt to buy grain?
2. How does Joseph treat his brothers when he first meets them? Why do you think Joseph's brothers did not recognize Joseph when they saw him? What do Joseph's brothers do when they first meet Joseph (Genesis 42:6)? What do Joseph's brothers do a few more times during their trips to Egypt (see Genesis 43:26, 44:14)? What is the connection with their behavior in these instances and what Joseph dreamed in Genesis 37:5-9?
3. What are some tricks or "tests" that Joseph does to his brothers during their efforts to buy grain? Why do you think Joseph did this to his brothers?
4. **Read Genesis 45:1-28**. What happens when Joseph "*makes himself known to his brothers*"? How does Joseph respond? Why do you think he responded in this way? What do you think Joseph actually did to confirm his identity to his brothers? How do you think Joseph's brothers felt when Joseph revealed himself to them?
5. In **Genesis 45:5-8**, Joseph gives his brothers reasons why they should not be distressed or angry over what they did to him. What providential explanations does Joseph provide for why these events have occurred? What do you think about Joseph's grace to his brothers here? On a scale of 1-10, how gracious is Joseph to his brothers? Can you think of any other person or event in the Bible that demonstrates this much grace or more? If yes, what is it?
6. What does Pharaoh offer to Joseph as a result of learning Joseph's family lives in Canaan? What do Joseph's brothers do as a result? Who wants to go to Egypt with the brothers when they return? What is the message to you in all of this?