

Genesis – “The Adventure of Growing Faith” Pt6
Genesis 43

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God is **FAITHFUL!** Isn't a blessing that our God, holy & righteous, allows us to grow in Him – how many of us enjoy a faith-walk of no stumbling! Yet He is p-a-t-i-e-n-t . . . Our God asks us to
“in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.”
1 Thessalonians 5:18

How we choose to respond to life's trials reveals:

1) _____ we are; and, 2) _____ we are!

Context: *Jacob shows little patience with “Da Boyz” - get up and go get some more food! Surely he heard their report but didn't “hear” them . . . Jacob's sad view of His God is filtered through his own circumstances*

⁶Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God,
that He may exalt you at the proper time,

⁷casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you.
(1 Peter 5:6,7)

Even in this chapter, we see that deception and manipulation remain a part of Jacob's toolbox . . .

Genesis 43:1-7 The dilemma!

Vs. 8-10 _____ intervenes

Vs. 11-15

Vs. 16-25

Vs. 23-25

Vs. 26-34

Vs. 31-34

What a conundrum Jacob's 10 sons found themselves in! In a foreign land . . . a “kind” adversary . . . harsh but benevolent . . . a bitter father . . . a confusing banquet . . . seated in order of birth . . . viewing the God of their father through their befuddling circumstances.

In defense of “Da Boyz”, they are following the example that has been vividly set before them - Jacob has viewed his God through his circumstances rather than viewing his circumstances through God - his Protector, his Provider, his All Sufficient One who met with Jacob on multiple occasions. Jacob's walk was clouded by _____!

BUT, Judah, 4th born, is pressed to decision . . . it breaks Judah o-u-t of the chains of his mold and into the crucible - which changes the trajectory of his _____-_____!

One decision . . . a new direction for him & his future tribe!
. . . And, YOU?

What part of this passage “caught your attention”?

Is God saying something to you? What is it?

How will you respond?