

Changed Hearts of Joseph's Brothers

Throughout this chapter there is remarkable evidence of the changed hearts of Joseph's brothers.

- They did not resent it when Benjamin was given the favored portion (Genesis 43:34)
- They trusted each other, not accusing each other of wrong when accused of stealing the cup. (Gen. 44:9)
- They stuck together when the silver cup was found. They did not abandon the favored son and allow him to be carried back to Egypt alone. (Gen. 44:13)
- They completely humbled themselves for the sake of the favored son. (Gen. 44:14)
- They knew their predicament was the result of their sin against Joseph. (Gen. 44:16)
- They offered themselves as slaves to Egypt, not abandoning, the favored son, their brother. (Gen. 44:16)
- They showed due concern for how this might affect their father. (Gen. 44:29-31)
- Judah was willing to be a substitutionary sacrifice for his brother out of love for his father and his brethren. (Gen. 44:33)