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Now Jacob saw that there was grain in Egypt, and Jacob said to his sons, "Why are you staring at one another?" <sup>2</sup> He said, "Behold, I have heard that there is grain in Egypt; go down there and buy some for us from that place, so that we may live and not die." <sup>3</sup> Then ten brothers of Joseph went down to buy grain from Egypt. <sup>4</sup> But Jacob did not send Joseph's brother Benjamin with his brothers, for he said, "I am afraid that harm may befall him." <sup>5</sup> So the sons of Israel came to buy grain among those who were coming, for the famine was in the land of Canaan also. <sup>6</sup> Now Joseph was the ruler over the land; he was the one who sold to all the people of the land. And Joseph's brothers came and bowed down to him with their faces to the ground. <sup>7</sup> When Joseph saw his brothers he recognized them, but he disguised himself to them and spoke to them harshly. And he said to them, "Where have you come from?" And they said, "From the land of Canaan, to buy food."<sup>8</sup> But Joseph had recognized his brothers, although they did not recognize him. <sup>9</sup> Joseph remembered the dreams which he had about them, and said to them, "You are spies; you have come to look at the undefended parts of our land." <sup>10</sup> Then they said to him, "No, my lord, but your servants have come to buy food. <sup>11</sup> We are all sons of one man; we are honest men, your servants are not spies." <sup>12</sup> Yet he said to them, "No, but you have come to look at the undefended parts of our land!"<sup>13</sup> But they said, "Your servants are twelve brothers in all, the sons of one man in the land of Canaan; and behold, the youngest is with our father today, and one is no longer alive." <sup>14</sup> Joseph said to them, "It is as I said to you, you are spies; <sup>15</sup> by this you will be tested: by the life of Pharaoh, you shall not go from this place unless your youngest brother comes here! <sup>16</sup> Send one of you that he may get your brother, while you remain confined, that your words may be tested, whether there is truth in you. But if not, by the life of Pharaoh, surely you are spies." <sup>17</sup> So he put them all together in prison for three days. <sup>18</sup> Now Joseph said to them on the third day, "Do this and live, for I fear God: <sup>19</sup> if you are honest men, let one of your brothers be confined in your prison; but as for the rest of you, go, carry grain for the famine of your households, <sup>20</sup> and bring your youngest brother to me, so your words may be verified, and you will not die." And they did so. <sup>21</sup> Then they said to one another, "Truly we are guilty concerning our brother, because we saw the distress of his soul when he pleaded with us, yet we would not

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listen; therefore this distress has come upon us.”<sup>22</sup> Reuben answered them, saying, “Did I not tell you, ‘Do not sin against the boy’; and you would not listen? Now comes the reckoning for his blood.”<sup>23</sup> They did not know, however, that Joseph understood, for there was an interpreter between them.<sup>24</sup> He turned away from them and wept. But when he returned to them and spoke to them, he took Simeon from them and bound him before their eyes.<sup>25</sup> Then Joseph gave orders to fill their bags with grain and to restore every man’s money in his sack, and to give them provisions for the journey. And thus it was done for them.<sup>26</sup> So they loaded their donkeys with their grain and departed from there.<sup>27</sup> As one of them opened his sack to give his donkey fodder at the lodging place, he saw his money; and behold, it was in the mouth of his sack.<sup>28</sup> Then he said to his brothers, “My money has been returned, and behold, it is even in my sack.” And their hearts sank, and they turned trembling to one another, saying, “What is this that God has done to us?”

<sup>35</sup> Now it came about as they were emptying their sacks, that behold, every man’s bundle of money was in his sack; and when they and their father saw their bundles of money, they were dismayed.<sup>36</sup> Their father Jacob said to them, “You have bereaved me of my children: Joseph is no more, and Simeon is no more, and you would take Benjamin; all these things are against me.”<sup>37</sup> Then Reuben spoke to his father, saying, “You may put my two sons to death if I do not bring him back to you; put him in my care, and I will return him to you.”<sup>38</sup> But Jacob said, “My son shall not go down with you; for his brother is dead, and he alone is left. If harm should befall him on the journey you are taking, then you will bring my gray hair down to Sheol in sorrow.

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1. What did Genesis 41:57 say again? Why is this important scripture leading us into Genesis 42? What did God promise Abraham back in Genesis 12:1-3? Is God still keeping His promise, if so, how?
2. Is there more than meets the eye with what and how God is using Joseph? Can you recall other Biblical narratives that point back to God, His people, and Egypt? What are some verses?
3. Why does Joseph test his brothers and tell them to bring back his youngest brother Benjamin?
4. How is Joseph “*a type*” like Jesus? What similarities does Joseph have with Jesus? Please read: Matthew 3:16, Genesis 39:2, Genesis 41:41, Hebrews 1:1-2, Genesis 42:6b, and Philippians 2:10 to see the comparisons.
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