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A Family Crisis

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father or a brother?’²⁰ We said to my lord, ‘We have an old father and a little child of his old age. Now his brother is dead, so he alone is left of his mother, and his father loves him.’²¹ Then you said to your servants, ‘Bring him down to me that I may set my eyes on him.’²² But we said to my lord, ‘The lad cannot leave his father, for if he should leave his father, his father would die.’²³ You said to your servants, however, ‘Unless your youngest brother comes down with you, you will not see my face again.’²⁴ Thus it came about when we went up to your servant my father, we told him the words of my lord.²⁵ Our father said, ‘Go back, buy us a little food.’²⁶ But we said, ‘We cannot go down. If our youngest brother is with us, then we will go down; for we cannot see the man’s face unless our youngest brother is with us.’²⁷ Your servant my father said to us, ‘You know that my wife bore me two sons; ²⁸and the one went out from me, and I said, “Surely he is torn in pieces,” and I have not seen him since. ²⁹If you take this one also from me, and harm befalls him, you will bring my gray hair down to Sheol in sorrow.’³⁰ Now, therefore, when I come to your servant my father, and the lad is not with us, since his life is bound up in the lad’s life, ³¹when he sees that the lad is not with us, he will die. Thus your servants will bring the gray hair of your servant our father down to Sheol in sorrow. ³²For your servant became surety for the lad to my father, saying, ‘If I do not bring him back to you, then let me bear the blame before my father forever.’³³ Now, therefore, please let your servant remain instead of the lad a slave to my lord, and let the lad go up with his brothers. ³⁴For how shall I go up to my father if the lad is not with me—for fear that I see the evil that would overtake my father?”

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