**TRANSCRIPT OF PODCAST CCCXXXV** **THE BOOK OF GENESIS CHAPTER 43**

**Genesis 43**: “The scarcity of food was severe in the land. [2](https://biblehub.com/genesis/43-2.htm)And it came to be, when they had eaten up the grain which they had brought from Mitsrayim, that their father said to them, `Go back, buy us a little food.’ [3](https://biblehub.com/genesis/43-3.htm)But Yehuḏah spoke to him, saying, `The man vehemently warned us, saying, “You do not see my face unless your brother is with you.” [4](https://biblehub.com/genesis/43-4.htm) If you let our brother go with us, we go down and buy you food. [5](https://biblehub.com/genesis/43-5.htm) But if you do not let him go, we do not go down, because the man said to us, “You do not see my face unless your brother is with you.”’ [6](https://biblehub.com/genesis/43-6.htm)And Yisra’ĕl said, `Why did you do evil to me to inform the man that you still had another brother?’ [7](https://biblehub.com/genesis/43-7.htm)And they said, `The man kept asking about us and our relatives, saying, “Is your father still alive? Have you another brother?” And we informed him according to these words. How could we know that he would say, “Bring your brother down?”’ [8](https://biblehub.com/genesis/43-8.htm)And Yehuḏah said to Yisra’ĕl his father, `**Send the boy with me, and let us arise and go, and live and not die, both we and you and also our little ones.** [**9**](https://biblehub.com/genesis/43-9.htm) **I myself shall stand guaranty for him – from my hand you are to require him. If I do not bring him back to you and set him before you, then let me bear the blame forever.** [10](https://biblehub.com/genesis/43-10.htm) For if we had not delayed, truly by now we could have returned this second time.’ [11](https://biblehub.com/genesis/43-11.htm)And their father Yisra’ĕl said to them, `If so, then do this: Take some of the best fruit of the land in your vessels and bring a present down for the man, a little balm and a little honey, spices and myrrh, nuts and almonds. [12](https://biblehub.com/genesis/43-12.htm) And take double silver in your hand, and take back in your hand the silver that was returned in the mouth of your sacks. It could have been a mistake. [13](https://biblehub.com/genesis/43-13.htm) **And take your brother, and arise, go back to the man.** [**14**](https://biblehub.com/genesis/43-14.htm)**And Ěl Shaddai give to you compassion before the man, so that he shall release your other brother and Binyamin. And I, if I am bereaved, I am bereaved**!’” [15](https://biblehub.com/genesis/43-15.htm)And the men took that present and Binyamin, and they took double the amount of silver in their hand, and arose and went down to Mitsrayim, and stood before Yosĕph. [16](https://biblehub.com/genesis/43-16.htm)And Yosĕph saw Binyamin with them, and said to the one over his house, `Bring the men home, and make a great slaughter, and prepare, for these men are to eat with me at noon.’ [17](https://biblehub.com/genesis/43-17.htm)And the man did as Yosĕph said, and the man brought the men into Yosĕph’s house. [18](https://biblehub.com/genesis/43-18.htm)And the men were afraid because they were brought into Yosĕph’s house. And they said, `It is because of the silver, which was put back into our sacks the first time, that we are brought in, to throw himself upon us and fall upon us, to take us as slaves, our donkeys too.’ [19](https://biblehub.com/genesis/43-19.htm)So they came near to the man over the house of Yosĕph, and spoke to him at the door of the house, [20](https://biblehub.com/genesis/43-20.htm)and said, `O my master, we indeed came down the first time to buy food, [21](https://biblehub.com/genesis/43-21.htm)but it came to be, when we came to the lodging place, that we opened our sacks and saw each man’s silver in the mouth of his sack, our silver in its weight. And we have brought it back in our hand. [22](https://biblehub.com/genesis/43-22.htm) And we have brought down other silver in our hands to buy food. We do not know who put our silver in our sacks.’ [23](https://biblehub.com/genesis/43-23.htm)But he said, `Peace be with you, do not be afraid. Your Elohim and the Elohim of your father has given you treasure in your sacks – your silver had come to me!’ And he brought Shim‛on out to them. [24](https://biblehub.com/genesis/43-24.htm)And the man brought the men into Yosĕph’s house and gave them water, and they washed their feet. And he gave their donkeys fodder. [25](https://biblehub.com/genesis/43-25.htm)And they made the present ready for Yosĕph’s coming at noon, for they heard that they were to eat there. [26](https://biblehub.com/genesis/43-26.htm)And when Yosĕph came home, they brought him the present which was in their hand, into the house, and bowed down before him to the earth. [27](https://biblehub.com/genesis/43-27.htm)And he asked them about their welfare, and said, `Is your father well, the old man of whom you spoke? Is he still alive?’ [28](https://biblehub.com/genesis/43-28.htm)And they said, `Your servant our father is in good health; he is still alive.’ And they bowed their heads down and did obeisance. [29](https://biblehub.com/genesis/43-29.htm)And he lifted his eyes and saw his brother Binyamin, his mother’s son, and said, `Is this your younger brother of whom you spoke to me?’ And he said, `Elohim show favour to you, my son.’ [30](https://biblehub.com/genesis/43-30.htm)And Yosĕph hurried, for his emotions were deeply moved towards his brother, and he looked for a place to weep, and went into his room and wept there. [31](https://biblehub.com/genesis/43-31.htm)Then he washed his face and came out, and controlled himself, and said, `Serve the food.’ [32](https://biblehub.com/genesis/43-32.htm)And they set him a place by himself, and them by themselves, and the Mitsrites who ate with him by themselves, for the Mitsrites could not eat food with the Heḇrews, for that is an abomination to the Mitsrites. [33](https://biblehub.com/genesis/43-33.htm)And they sat before him, the first-born according to his birthright and the youngest according to his youth, and the men looked at each other in astonishment. [34](https://biblehub.com/genesis/43-34.htm)And he took portions to them from before him, but Binyamin’s portion was five times as much as any of theirs. And they feasted and they drank with him.”

**My comments**: The sons had learned some integrity in their older-age – they had matured. They were then capable of repenting, of realizing their own sin. Their pride and haughtiness had been removed. Joseph was right in testing their maturity and mental level of reasoning. He found them with more understanding and depth of character. Notice once again, as with Reuben who promised to protect Benjamin, Judah also. It was these two who spared Joseph. Their depth of integrity only increased. Their desire to do right increased – maturity, not just in body, but in soul and spirit. It was time for the reuniting of the family. Ya’cob had matured, too.

**Notes from The Passion Version**

**Genesis 43:5**: “The name Benjamin/Benyamin means `son of my right hand.’ There is One greater than Joseph/Yoseph who is now waiting until He sees “the sons of his right hand,’ an overwhelming company of sons and daughters who will sit and reign with Him in victory.

**Genesis 43:8-9**: “This is an amazing statement of sacrificial love from Judah. One day a son of Judah would come, a Lion from the tribe of Judah.’ He, who would offer His life as a ransom for many. **Only a father can understand the loss of two of his children, and Judah had experienced that loss** (Genesis 38:7-10).

**Genesis 43:11**: “**Ironically, these items were the same things carried in the caravan that took Joseph away as a slave** (Genesis 37:25). **Now they carry the same items to Joseph as a tribute**.”

**Genesis 43:29-30**: “Looking them over, he saw Benjamin, his mother’s son, and said to them `So, I see that you have returned with your youngest brother, of whom you spoke. `God be gracious to you my son.’ Joseph hastily left the room, for he was overwhelmed with feelings of love for his brother and on the verge of tears. He went into a private room and sobbed, as tears ran down his cheeks.”

**Notes**: “This word (for love) is the Hebrew word *racham*. It is used ninety times in the Bible and always refers to God’s compassionate, merciful love for us. “*Racham* is also the word for `womb.’ *Racham* is best described as nurturing love, the love of a mother would have for her children.”

“All of a sudden, this world leader, this captain over millions, collapsed inside. If was beginning to make sense to him – all the loneliness, those dark days prison, the misunderstanding and the pain of rejection. A family shattered for over two decades was being reunited. It took great discipline for Joseph to keep his secret from them. Joseph’s heat moved him to tears – tears of tenderness and affection for his younger brother and his long-lost family. Like a little boy again, Joseph missed his daddy.”

**Genesis 43:34**: “Joseph let them understand that Benjamin was his favorite, giving him a portion five times larger than the others. … Why would Joseph have given more to Benjamin? Was he merely following the steps of his father’s favoritism that brought all of this on? No, Joseph was testing them to see if they would be jealous again. Were they truly broken? Could they endure seeing one brother, favored over the others and still rejoice? Or would the get rid of Benjamin as they did him?”