



# ***“God is in Control!”***

## ***Genesis Chapters 42 – 45***

**Intro:** Back to the future, let’s remember the dreams of Joseph regarding his brothers in **Genesis 37:5-11**

### ***Chapter 42 - “Joseph’s EXAMINATION!”***

> **Observe the hand of God throughout this event:**

- (1) The famine,
- (2) Revelation comes to Jacob regarding grain in Egypt,
- (3) Divine appointment, the ten brothers are face to face with Joseph,
- (4) Joseph recognizes his brothers and remembers the dreams,
- (5) (v21) The brothers confess their guilt and see that they are reaping what they have sowed,
- (6) Joseph blesses his brothers instead of cursing them by placing grain and their money in their sacks. Notice there’s no revenge.

### ***Chapter 43 – “Joseph’s EVALUATION!”***

- The nine brothers go back to Egypt for more food and their brother, but this Benjamin is included.
- Verse 23 speaks of Joseph’s testimony on the Egyptian servants.
- Verse 26 fulfills the two dreams given previously to Joseph (Gen. 37:5-11- the brothers bowing down).
- Joseph is surely playing with their heads as he sets them in order from the eldest to the youngest (v33), to randomly put them in the right order would be 1 in 39,917,000.

### ***Chapter 44 – “Joseph’s EXONERATION!”***

- Joseph puts his brothers to the test, testing their hearts regarding his youngest brother, Benjamin? Will they be exonerated by their actions of love and sacrifice or are they the same old jealous, envious, self-centered brothers?
- Interestingly, Judah suggested to sell Joseph to the Ishmaelites (Gen. 36:26-27), now he’s willing to trade places, to be the slave to Joseph instead of Benjamin.

### ***Chapter 45 – “Joseph’s EXHILARATION!”***

- How could Joseph have maintained such an attitude of grace and mercy toward his family after all he’s gone through, our answer is found in verses 5-8.
- Let’s practice 4 facets of survival and sanity found in these verses:
  - #1 – **FAITH** – “God sent me to preserve life!”
  - #2 – **SALVATION** – “God saves!”
  - #3 – **DELIVERANCE** – “God delivers from sin and slavery!”
  - #4 – **INHERITANCE** – “All the riches of God are given to us!”

**(v9-28) Faith—Family—Favor—Food—Fun—all of this awaits you and me forever as we go to heaven!**

**Conclusion: 1 Peter 1:3-9**