



# Spring: 2:42 Life Group Week 5

## “This is only a Test.”

Genesis 42:25-43:34

### Getting to know each other:

- 1) We see Joseph putting his brothers through a series of tests in order to see if their wicked hearts have changed over the years. Can you think of any tests or trials that God has put you through that He has used for your good?

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- 2) Joseph's brothers were very surprised when they unexpectedly found that all their money had been returned to them. What are some big surprises you've experienced in your life? (Such as: unexpected gift...something you found at a yard sale that turned out to be valuable...good news about someone)

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### Getting into the Word:

- 3) A steward is a person who oversees the resources of another person. As stewards of God, we are to oversee the resources He has entrusted to us. What do the following verses say about our responsibility as a steward of God? 1Cor. 4:1-2...1Pet. 4:7-11...1Cor. 9:16-23...Matt.25:14-30.

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- 4) Jacob showed favoritism towards 2 of his sons, Joseph and Benjamin. Unfortunately, this left his 10 older sons feeling like 2nd class family members. But in the Body of Christ there are no 2nd class family members. Why is this so important for us to remember? How can this encourage our beaten down brothers and sisters in Christ? What do these verses say about this? Gal.3:26-29...1Cor. 12:12-27...Ps.40:4-5...Jer.29:11-13...Rom.10:11-13...Acts 2:38-39...Rev.5:9-10.

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**"Sometimes God will put us in a place that He knows will cause us to rely solely on Him. It's out of our control. We just need to make a commitment to rest in the providential care of God." Pastor Chuck Smith**