

**JOSEPHS- FORGIVENESS AND WISDOM**

Genesis 43:23-34 NLT

In our last lesson, we learned how Joseph's brothers bowed before him in Egypt without knowing who he really was. Now we see what was happening inside Joseph's heart. When Joseph saw his brother Benjamin for the first time in over 20 years, his love was so strong that he had to turn away and cry, showing that he had already forgiven his brothers. This was not the first time Joseph tested them—he had been watching their choices all along. Instead of punishing them, Joseph showed kindness by inviting them to a special feast, but he also tested their hearts again by giving Benjamin five times more food to see if they were still jealous. Joseph forgave his brothers, but he wisely set boundaries to make sure they had truly changed.

Kindness and boundaries can work together when trust is being rebuilt.



How did Joseph show kindness instead of punishment?

Reflection:



Why is it wise to forgive but still set boundaries?