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Genesis 42:36; Genesis 45:7-8

36 Their father Jacob said to them, "You have deprived me of my children. Joseph is no more and Simeon is no more, and now you want to take Benjamin. Everything is against me!"

7 But God sent me ahead of you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to save your lives by a great deliverance.

8 "So then, it was not you who sent me here, but God. He made me father to Pharaoh, lord of his entire household and ruler of all Egypt.

**TWO PAINFUL REALITIES OF THIS WORLD**

**1. Problems are universal.**

Genesis 41:57

57 And all the countries came to Egypt to buy grain from Joseph, because the famine was severe in all the world.

**2. Problems are personal.**

Genesis 42:36

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**TWO MAJOR SPIRITUAL LESSONS THAT WE MUST LEARN THROUGH OUR PROBLEMS**

**1. The lesson of absolute surrender to God**

Genesis 43:14

14 And may God Almighty grant you mercy before the man so that he will let your other brother and Benjamin come back with you. As for me, if I am bereaved, I am bereaved."

**2. The lesson of complete trust on God**

Genesis 46:1-4

1 So Israel set out with all that was his, and when he reached Beersheba, he offered sacrifices to the God of his father Isaac.

2 And God spoke to Israel in a vision at night and said, "Jacob! Jacob!" "Here I am," he replied.

3 "I am God, the God of your father," he said. "Do not be afraid to go down to Egypt, for I will make you into a great nation there.

4 I will go down to Egypt with you, and I will surely bring you back again. And Joseph's own hand will close your eyes."

**GOD’S THREE BIG FAVORS TO THOSE WHO TRUST HIM**

**1. The satisfaction of the heart**

Genesis 46:30

30 Israel said to Joseph, "Now I am ready to die, since I have seen for myself that you are still alive."

**2. The provision of the needs**

Genesis 47:12

12 Joseph also provided his father and his brothers and all his father's household with food, according to the number of their children.

**3. The blessings for the family**

Genesis 49:28

28 All these are the twelve tribes of Israel, and this is what their father said to them when he blessed them, giving each the blessing appropriate to him.