

# TESTS OF TRANSFORMATION

GENESIS 43:1-44:34

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God often uses tests of...

## **SINCERITY**, (43:1-30)

facing my guilt 42:20ff

acting truthfully 43:1-30

## **JEALOUSY**, (43:31-34)

when someone else is blessed... 43:31-34a

...how do I respond? 43:34b

## and **SELFLESSNESS** (44:1-17)

bearing another's burden 44:1-13

offering myself for others 44:14-17

to reveal our **CHARACTER** and help us **GROW**. (44:18-34)

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## Food for Thought

Questions & Scripture for Further Study & Reflection

**What is this?** – Normally this section includes questions and a study for our Life Groups. If you're not in one, you should sign up in the Commons, let us know on a Connect Card (pew rack or in the app), or contact the church office! Most groups break for the holidays, but others will continue and use this for their study time together. Instead of our normal study guide, this is a smaller study and some questions for you to reflect/journal on throughout the week. Look for sign-ups for new groups in August!



In the meantime, check out a **Summer Group** this summer! They are casual groups set up around a variety of activities intended to help you form more connections and friendships across Wawasee Bible.



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### Food for Thought...

1. **Sincerity: Facing Guilt Honestly.** How does the brothers' admission of guilt in **Genesis 42:21** and Judah's pledge to protect Benjamin in **Genesis 43:8-9** reflect the test of sincerity in confronting their past sins? Reflect on a time when you faced guilt over a wrong you committed. What made it hard to be honest with God and/or others, and how did (or could) confessing that guilt lead to freedom?

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2. **Jealousy: Responding to Others' Blessings.** In **Genesis 43:31-34**, the brothers rejoice despite Benjamin receiving five times more food, unlike their past envy of Joseph (**Genesis 37:3-4**). **Look up Philippians 2:3-4 and Romans 12:15.** How do these scriptures challenge you to respond with humility and joy when others are blessed? Identify a recent situation where you felt envy (e.g., a friend's success). How can you practically "rejoice with those who rejoice" to pass the test of jealousy?

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# WELCOME TO WAWASEE!

We are sent to love people and invite them to follow Jesus with us.

If you call Wawasee Bible "home", we challenge you to pursue three things:

### 1. Gather



Show up *regularly* and gather with us for worship.

### 2. Grow



Don't just show up, *grow up* spiritually and connect in a growth ministry like Life Groups.

### 3. Go!



Go and serve somewhere. Contribute as much *or more than* you consume!

## WORD FIND IN THE WORD

Find the words from a passage related to this week's message.

### Word Find: Job 23:8-14 (ESV)

Find the words **bolded** below.

<sup>8</sup> "Behold, I go **forward**, but he is not **there**, and **backward**, but I do not **perceive** him; <sup>9</sup> on the **left hand when** he is **working**, I do not **behold** him; he **turns** to the **right hand**, but I do not see him. <sup>10</sup> But he **knows** the way that I **take**; **when** he has **tried** me, I shall **come** out as **gold**. <sup>11</sup> My **foot** has **held fast** to his **steps**; I have **kept** his way and have not **turned aside**. <sup>12</sup> I have not **departed** from the **commandment** of his **lips**; I have **treasured** the **words** of his **mouth more** than my **portion of food**. <sup>13</sup> But he is **unchangeable**, and who can **turn** him **back**? What he desires, that he does. <sup>14</sup> For he will complete what he appoints for me, and many such things are in his mind.

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U N C H A N G E A B L E O  
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O U T R I E D S T E P S R  
N A W G O L D W C O M E E



## Food for Thought (continued)

3. **Selflessness: Bearing Burdens.** The brothers tear their clothes in **Genesis 44:13**, refusing to abandon Benjamin, showing selflessness in bearing his burden. How does this contrast with their betrayal of Joseph (**Genesis 37:26-28**), and what does it reveal about their growth? Think of a current relationship where you could bear another's burden. What steps can you take to act selflessly, and how might this reflect Christ's love (**John 15:13**)?

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4. **Character and Growth: Transformation Through Tests.** Judah's shift from selling Joseph (**Genesis 37:26-28**) to offering himself for Benjamin (**Genesis 44:33**) shows God's tests revealing character and spurring growth. **Look up 2 Corinthians 5:17 and James 1:2-4.** How do these passages describe God's work in making us new through trials? Reflect on a recent trial (e.g., a conflict or loss). How has it revealed your character, and what growth is God cultivating in you?

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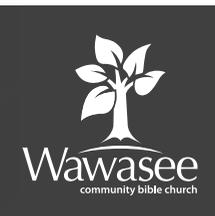
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