

Series: After the Beginning  
**The Amazing Power of True Forgiveness**  
**Part Two: A Severe Famine In Canaan**  
**(What True and Authentic Forgiveness Looks Like)**  
**Genesis 43:1-34**

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Introduction: (Media Presentation: The Skit Guys on Grace and Forgiveness / Story of Peter)

A Severe Famine In Canaan: The Problem: Bad memories in the past make for bad counsel in the present which yield for bad decisions in the future.

1. When we get hungry enough things will change in our lives. Don't wait for the want too; it will never come on its own. Genesis 43:1,2
2. Attempting to delay the consequences for what we've sown will not delay the inevitable. Don't presume upon God's grace; confess and repent of your sin before it's too late. Genesis 43:3-10
3. Dwelling on past hurts only paralyzes and neutralizes our potential. Living in the past only brings sorrow and never changes anything in the present or the future. Genesis 43:11-15
4. Be willing to make full restitution to the offended party for your sin. Don't try and get away with anything less than what is owed. Pay in full your debts no matter the personal costs. Genesis 43:16-22
5. Confront your fears; the bigger the problem the greater the resolution and release. Don't run away from what is hard just because it is hard. Genesis 43:23-27
6. Be willing to bow in humility before God and those you have wronged. Don't try and justify or make excuses for your sin. Genesis 43:28-31
7. Rejoice in the generosity, grace and mercy of the ruler at the head of the table. Don't question or tempt God's mercy, grace or forbearance, receive it with a thankful heart. Genesis 43:32

Moment of Decision: