

God's Pressures that Prove - Gen 42:25-38

Introduction: Heb 11:17-19 1Pe 1:7 Jas 1:3

I. Pressures that Surprise and T_____ - Gen 42:25-28

- A. Smooth S_____ for the Brothers - v. 25-26
- B. Sudden F_____ for the Brothers - v. 27-28
"hearts failed them" -
 1. They Know A_____ God
 2. Retributive Judgment - Psa 7:15-16 Psa 37:14-15

What do you do when you are suddenly gripped with the thought that God's justice for your past sin is catching up to you?

D_____ was justifiably gripped with the guilt of his adultery, murder, lying, coveting, and murder. Ps 51:1-4

J_____ - a righteous and humble man, Job 42:1-6

II. Pressures from the M_____ - Gen 42:29-34

- A. The Man's A_____ - v. 30-32
- B. The Man's T_____ - v. 33-34

Their story glaringly omits at least these three crucial details:

1. "The man" i_____ all ten of us for three days
2. Simeon being chained or b_____ before their very eyes and imprisoned changed to the man told them to "leave one of their brothers with" him.
3. Joseph's threat of e_____ them if they do not return with Benjamin is twisted into a promise of being able to trade throughout the land if they bring him back.

One thing is clear, "the m_____" is calling the shots.

III. Pressures that Reveal and P_____ - Gen 42:35-38

- A. Pressure upon Pressure - . v. 35
- B. Jacob' Despair - v. 36
"bereaved" -

Two colossal surprises have crashed down on Jacob:

- 1) S_____ has not returned with them and
- 2) their sacks are still full of m_____, though they have returned with grain.

- C. Rueben's O_____ - v. 37
- D. Pressures that Paralyze - v. 38

Conclusion:

1. Where do you go when you are in deep trouble and burdened with guilt, conviction of sin?
Psa 51:8-12 Psa 107:13-14
2. Are you willing to be proven?