



“Revival”

Spiritual Vitality
Genesis 44:18-34

Increased capacity for:

I. Submission - “for thou art even as Pharaoh” (vs. 18-23)

Effecting our:

- A. Requests** - “let thy servant I pray thee speak a word”
- B. Replies** - “And we said unto my lord, we have a father”
- C. Restraint** - “ye shall see my face no more”

II. Sensitivity - “with sorrow to the grave” (vs. 24-31)

Enhancing our:

- A. Messages** - “we told him the words of my lord”
- B. Management** - “except our younger brother be with us”
- C. Mercy** - “his life is bound up in the lad’s life”

III. Sacrifice - “instead of the lad” (vs. 32-34)

Enlisting that is:

- A. Investing** - “For thy servant became surety for the lad”
- B. Intentional** - “thy servant ...instead of the lad, a bondman”
- C. Inconvenient** - “lest ... I see the evil...come on my father”

Sentence Sermon:

“Revival begins with an acute awareness of our sinfulness in light of God’s holiness and mercy.”

Additional Verses

- **Genesis 43:18**
- **Psalms 19:7; 51:10; 85:6**
- **Isaiah 6:5; 57:15**
- **James 4:8**
- **I Kings 18:21**
- **II Corinthians 6:14-18**
- **Matthew 11:29**
- **Revelation 3:16-17**
- **Romans 12:1-2**

Judah

- **Genesis 37:26-27; 38:11; 42:21; 44:16**

Questions to Ponder:

1. What are the key words in this passage?
2. Who is the central character of the passage?
3. How would you describe Judah’s demeanor in verse 18?
4. Why would Judah worry about Joseph’s anger?
5. What is missing in Judah’s recounting of the story in verses 24-29?
6. What part of Judah’s plea do you think touched Joseph most?
7. Why does Judah bring up that he became surety for Benjamin?
8. Who all would benefit by Judah switching places with Benjamin?
9. What was Judah’s strongest motivation to substitute for Benjamin?
10. What change from the past did Joseph see in Judah’s behavior?
11. When did Judah experience revival? What caused it?
12. How badly is revival needed in our church?
13. What would revival look like for our church?
14. How badly are you in need of revival today?