

## **Genesis 43:1-3 (NLT)**

**But the famine continued to ravage the land of Canaan. [2] When the grain they had brought from Egypt was almost gone, Jacob said to his sons, “Go back and buy us a little more food.” [3] But Judah said, “The man was serious when he warned us, ‘You won’t see my face again unless your brother is with you.’**

## **Genesis 43:4-5 (NLT)**

**If you send Benjamin with us, we will go down and buy more food. [5] But if you don't let Benjamin go, we won't go either. Remember, the man said, 'You won't see my face again unless your brother is with you.'"**

**Genesis 43:8 (NLT)**

**Judah said to his father, “Send the boy with me, and we will be on our way. Otherwise we will all die of starvation - and not only we, but you and our little ones.**

**Genesis 43:14 (NLT)**

**May God Almighty give you mercy as you go before the man, so that he will release Simeon and let Benjamin return. But if I must lose my children, so be it.”**

# **MERCY OVERRULES**

**Genesis 43:1 - 44:17**

**God's MERCY is the foundation  
of His FORGIVENESS.**

**It is part of His faithfulness and  
steadfast love.** Holman BD

People who **SELL** their  
brother into **slavery** are not  
trustworthy. Constable

Romans 8:28 (NAS)

**And we know that God CAUSES**  
**all things to work together**  
**FOR GOOD** to those who **love** God,  
to those who are **called**  
according to **His** purpose.

God **WEAVES** everything together for  
**GOOD** for his children.

The **GOOD** in this context does not refer to  
**earthly comfort...**

but to becoming **MORE LIKE Jesus**,  
to **closer fellowship** with God, and to  
**bearing** good fruit for the kingdom...

## **Good Signs**

- Simeon is **RELEASED**
- Able to Wash their **FEET**
- Cared for their **ANIMALS**

Acts 26:20 (NET)

**...I DECLARED**

to those in Damascus first, and then to those in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and to the Gentiles,

**that they should REPENT**

**and TURN to God,**

performing deeds **CONSISTENT**

with **REPENTANCE.**

# The **ESSENCE** of the Gospel

- Turn **AWAY** from sin and the world
- Turn **TO** God
- Show the **REALITY** in your **LIFE**

# Receiving and Responding to God's Mercy?

- Admit our **GUILT**
- Acknowledge we **DESERVE** judgment
- Turn **AWAY** from sin **TO** God
- Accept the **GIFT** that is Offered
- Marvel over God's **MERCY** and **GRACE**

Romans 10:13 (HCS)

For **EVERYONE** who **CALLS**  
on the name of the Lord  
**WILL** be **SAVED.**

**Oh the Love that drew Salvation's Plan  
Oh the Grace that brought it down to man  
Oh the Mighty gulf that God did span -  
at Calvary**

**MERCY there was GREAT  
and Grace was FREE**

**Pardon there was multiplied to me  
There my burdened soul found liberty  
at Calvary**

# QUESTIONS

1. What is Repentance and why is it hard for us?
2. Why do we NEED God's Mercy so badly?
3. Why is it so hard for us to SHOW Mercy to those that have wronged us?