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## ***Gotcha?***

### **Introduction**

#### **1. Resisting the Dream Scenario (Genesis 42:1-9a)**

<sup>5</sup> Thus the sons of Israel came to buy among the others who came, for the famine was in the land of Canaan. <sup>6</sup> Now Joseph was governor over the land. He was the one who sold to all the people of the land. And Joseph's brothers came and bowed themselves before him with their faces to the ground. <sup>7</sup> Joseph saw his brothers and recognized them, but he treated them like strangers and spoke roughly to them. "Where do you come from?" he said. They said, "From the land of Canaan, to buy food." <sup>8</sup> And Joseph recognized his brothers, but they did not recognize him. <sup>9</sup> And Joseph remembered the dreams that he had dreamed of them." (Genesis 42:5-9a, ESV)

#### **2. The First Pursuit of Reconciliation: Arousing the Conscience (Genesis 42:9b-38)**

##### **Hurt Done to Me**

<sup>9</sup> And Joseph remembered the dreams that he had dreamed of them. And he said to them, "You are spies; you have come to see the nakedness of the land." <sup>10</sup> They said to him, "No, my lord, your servants have come to buy food. <sup>11</sup> We are all sons of one man. We are honest men. Your servants have never been spies.'" (Genesis 42:9-11, ESV)

<sup>21</sup> Then they said to one another, “In truth we are guilty concerning our brother, in that we saw the distress of his soul, when he begged us and we did not listen. That is why this distress has come upon us.” <sup>22</sup> And Reuben answered them, “Did I not tell you not to sin against the boy? But you did not listen. So now there comes a reckoning for his blood.” <sup>23</sup> They did not know that Joseph understood them, for there was an interpreter between them. <sup>24</sup> Then he turned away from them and wept.” (Genesis 42:21-24a, ESV)

## Hurt Done to Others

<sup>24</sup> ... And he took Simeon from them and bound him before their eyes. <sup>25</sup> And Joseph gave orders to fill their bags with grain, and to replace every man's money in his sack, and to give them provisions for the journey. This was done for them. <sup>26</sup> Then they loaded their donkeys with their grain and departed. <sup>27</sup> And as one of them opened his sack to give his donkey fodder at the lodging place, he saw his money in the mouth of his sack. <sup>28</sup> He said to his brothers, “My money has been put back; here it is in the mouth of my sack!” At this their hearts failed them, and they turned trembling to one another, saying, “What is this that God has done to us?”” (Genesis 42:24c-28, ESV)

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## Digging Deeper

### This week's passages:

**Monday:** Genesis 42

**Tuesday:** Matthew 18

**Wednesday:** Genesis 43 (in preparation for this coming Sunday)

**Thursday:** Genesis 44 (in preparation for this coming Sunday)

**Friday:** Genesis 45 (in preparation for this coming Sunday)

**Weekend:** Review the most meaningful passages of the week.

Each day this week you are invited to read the day's passage and then respond to the following questions. Take special note of how the passage relates to Joseph and/or to you. You might find it beneficial to use a journal or notebook to record insights.

1. **Read** the passage prayerfully, listening for the voice of God and asking him to speak to you.
2. **Record** or write down the word, phrase, or verse that God impresses upon you.
3. **Reflect** and write down what it is about this word, phrase or verse that is meaningful to you.
4. **Respond** by writing a prayer or recording what it is that you think the Lord wants you to do in response to his word (“*Be doers of the word and not hearers only*” James 1:22).