

“Blind Spots”

Genesis 43:1-14

1 Now the famine was severe in the land. 2 And when they had eaten the grain that they had brought from Egypt, their father said to them, “Go again, buy us a little food.” 3 But Judah said to him, “The man solemnly warned us, saying, ‘You shall not see my face unless your brother is with you.’ 4 If you will send our brother with us, we will go down and buy you food. 5 But if you will not send him, we will not go down, for the man said to us, ‘You shall not see my face, unless your brother is with you.’” 6 Israel said, “Why did you treat me so badly as to tell the man that you had another brother?” 7 They replied, “The man questioned us carefully about ourselves and our kindred, saying, ‘Is your father still alive? Do you have another brother?’ What we told him was in answer to these questions. Could we in any way know that he would say, ‘Bring your brother down?’” 8 And Judah said to Israel his father, “Send the boy with me, and we will arise and go, that we may live and not die, both we and you and also our little ones. 9 I will be a pledge of his safety. From my hand you shall require him. If I do not bring him back to you and set him before you, then let me bear the blame forever. 10 If we had not delayed, we would now have returned twice.”

11 Then their father Israel said to them, “If it must be so, then do this: take some of the choice fruits of the land in your bags, and carry a present down to the man, a little balm and a little honey, gum, myrrh, pistachio nuts, and almonds. 12 Take double the money with you. Carry back with you the money that was returned in the mouth of your sacks. Perhaps it was an oversight. 13 Take also your brother, and arise, go again to the man. 14 May God Almighty grant you mercy before the man, and may he send back your other brother and Benjamin. And as for me, if I am bereaved of my children, I am bereaved.”

Notes:

Spiritual Blind Spots

What they are and where they come from

The Journey of Jacob (Genesis 25-43)

Life is often messier than we would like to think.

The Famine in Canaan (Genesis 43:1-10)

Holding on to idols stunts spiritual growth.

Jacob's Impossible Decision (Genesis 43:11-14)

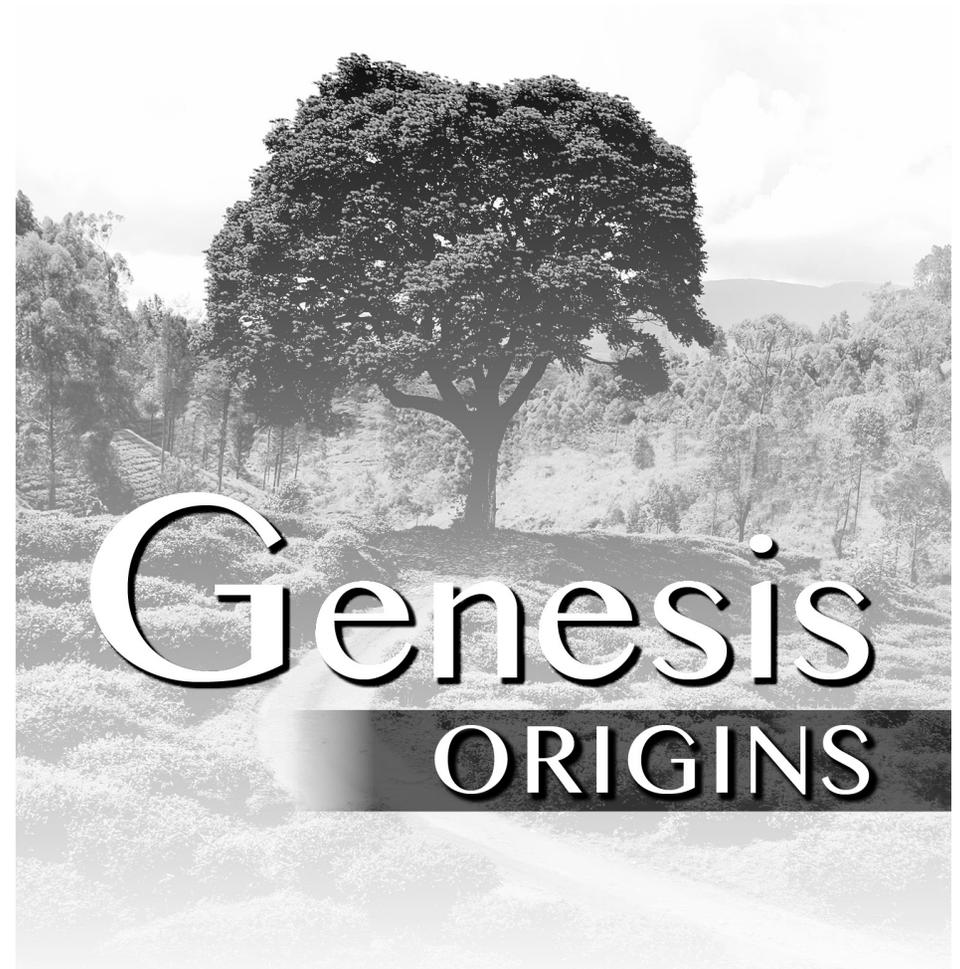
God cares more about our spiritual growth than we do.

Reflecting on our blind spots:

1. What are my blind spots?
2. Am I content with my blind spots?
3. How might God be trying to refine you?

Am I content in sin or content in him?

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October 23, 2016

Sundays

CW Classes Hour
Worship Service



9:30 a.m.
10:30 a.m.