



3. In chapter 42 we left Jacob in his self-pity. In 43:11 he is again called Israel which is the name God gave him when they wrestled together at the Jabbok River.

a) What name did Jacob use for God (v.14)?

b) How had Jacob changed from the previous chapter (vv.11-14)?

c) What does this tell us about the faith of believers?

d) What should believers do if they feel that their faith is not as strong as it used to be?

4.a) How did Joseph treat his brothers on this, their second visit to Egypt?

b) How did this make the brothers feel (v.18)?

c) Why was Joseph so kind to them?

5. Read Matthew 5:45 & Romans 2:4.

a) In what ways does God show kindness to all people?

b) Why does he show that kindness?

c) How do most people respond to God's kindness?

d) How did Joseph's brothers respond to his kindness (Gen. 43:34)?

e) Joseph's brothers still did not know his identity. In what way is that similar to most people today in their relationship to God?

f) How can we help people to see the kindness of God towards them?

### **For Further Thought And Action**

Think about God's kindness to you and seek to tell others about it too.

### **Memory Verse**

The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

2Peter 3:9