

From Street View to Satellite

Genesis 43-45 | Adam Bowers | 7/5/20

- 1. The first few times Joseph saw his brothers after being apart for two decades, he wasn't overly friendly or transparent with them. Why did Joseph maintain his secrecy and treat the brothers harshly initially? Was this appropriate or inappropriate?
- 2. Jacob is not presented as a glowing figure of godliness in the last several chapters of Genesis. Why do you think Moses (the author of Genesis) wanted his readers to know about Jacob's shortfalls?
- 3. Joseph put his brothers through a series of tests that required planning and careful execution. Why did he want to test them? Were the tests effective?
- 4. Adam said that we live life in street view but God sees the satellite image. Can you think of any examples from your past where in the moment you couldn't see clearly but as you look back, God was using that time to bring about something positive?
- 5. How did Joseph deal with his hurt in a healthy way? What are some lessons that we can learn from Joseph's example?
- 6. What is your biggest take away from this message and how will you respond to it?