
NOTES:

RESOLUTION OPTIONS

1. I will demonstrate trust in my older children by allowing them to take their younger siblings somewhere by themselves that is appropriate to their age.
2. I will send my children on a mission together giving them a goal to accomplish that requires them to work together.
3. I will speak with my wife about giving the Lord more than He asks from us by increasing our tithing to 11%-15% instead of 10%.
4. I will win the favor of my boss by doing more than is expected of me on a current project.
5. I will go out to eat with a close male friend and will intentionally share conversation that is deep and personal.
6. I will show favor to my children individually on a special feast of one of their patron saints (their name, their confirmation saint, etc.). We will celebrate as a family by going out as a family for ice cream and letting the child who's feast we are celebrating choose the location.
7. I will schedule a feast for my family on the day of a patron saint in our family and will plan something special for my family that day that includes food and games. I will ask each capable member of my family to prepare something for the feast.

MY RESOLUTION

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“SO THEY DRANK AND WERE MERRY WITH HIM.”

- GENESIS 43:34

OPENING PRAYER

PSALM 122

JOSEPH SHOWS FAVOR

GENESIS 43

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PRAYER PARTNERS

PSALM 122

- ¹ I was glad when they said to me,
“Let us go to the house of the Lord!”
- ² Our feet have been standing within your gates, O Jerusalem!
- ³ Jerusalem, built as a city which is bound firmly together,
⁴ to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord,
as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the Lord.
- ⁵ There thrones for judgment were set,
the thrones of the house of David.
- ⁶ Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!
“May they prosper who love you!”
- ⁷ Peace be with your walls,
and security within your towers!”
- ⁸ For my brethren and companions’ sake
I will say, “Peace be within you!”
- ⁹ For the sake of the house of the Lord our God,
I will seek your good.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

JOSEPH SHOWS FAVOR GENESIS 43

1. Reviewing stories of siblings in the Old Testament reveals a common theme (Ishmael & Isaac, Esau & Jacob, Joseph & his brothers, Moses & Aaron, David & his brothers). In all of these cases the younger son is blessed more. Did the younger sibling *deserve* to be blessed more in these stories? Why might God so often seem to favor the younger child?
2. Does the favoring of the “younger sibling” mirror your experiences of favor in your family? When might it be necessary for a Patriarch to favor a “younger child”? How can a Patriarch avoid the potential conflicts associated with showing favor to a “younger child”?
3. Israel relents in letting Benjamin go. What else does he send to win the favor of the ruler of Egypt? How does a Patriarch win the favor of a ruler? Of God?
4. This is the second occasion of Joseph weeping. How do you regard Joseph’s weeping? How has he hidden it? How do you regard another man’s weeping? How do you regard your own?
5. In some translations, the last verse reads, “So they drank and were merry with him.” How are drinking and merriment represented in the Bible? When does your family experience you “merry”? How can you make drinking and merriment a part of your faith?