

***"My son will not go down there** with you; his brother is dead and he is the only one left..."*

Genesis 42:38

*"The man warned us **solemnly**, 'You will not see my face again unless your brother is with you.'*

Genesis 43:3

*"Send the boy along with me and we will go at once, so that we and you and our children **may live and not die.**"*

Genesis 43:8

Jacob's Dilemma

To spare Benjamin from possible harm Jacob was willing to leave

- Simeon in an Egyptian prison and
- His sizable family in hunger/near starvation

Helpless to save ourselves

*You see, at just the right time, when we were **still powerless**, Christ died for the ungodly.*

Romans 5:6

The Perfect Father's Response

*For God so loved the world that **he gave his one and only Son**, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.*

John 3:16

Rescue from prison and hunger

*He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners
and recovery of sight for the blind,
to set the oppressed free,*

Luke 4:18

"I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry..."

John 6:35

The perfect father gave his son willingly

Yet it was the Lord's will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though the Lord makes his life a guilt offering, he will see his offspring and prolong his days.."

Isaiah 53:10

The perfect father gave his son with joy

"...for the joy set before him he endured the cross."

Hebrews 12:2

Our Response: Gratitude

*...and **joyfully giving thanks** to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. **For he has rescued us** from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.*

Colossians 1:11b-14

Our Response: **Confidence**

*"What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who **did not spare his own son**, but delivered him up for us all—how will he not also along with him graciously give us all things?"*

Romans 8:31-32