

July 05, 2026

Pastor Andy McClellan

Title: "God in the Midst of Uncertainty"

Series: Genesis: Beginnings

Text: Genesis 43

In the midst of uncertainty...

1. **ENTRUST** your future to the **MERCY** of our Sovereign God, vv. 1-14 (*see also 17:1; 35:11; Esther 4:16; Psalm 37:5; Isaiah 26:3-4; Lamentations 3:22-26; Daniel 3:17-18; Philippians 4:6-7; Jude 1:20-21*).
2. **EXPECT** to discover God's hidden **TREASURES** through your trials, vv. 15-25 (*see also 42:25-28; 50:20; Isaiah 45:3; John 14:27; Romans 5:1-4; 8:28-29; 2 Corinthians 4:6-10; James 1:1-4; 1 Peter 1:6-7*).
3. **REST** in God's deep love and **FAVOR** toward you, vv. 26-34 (*see also 42:21; Exodus 33:19; Numbers 6:24-26; Psalm 67:1; 103:8-13; Ephesians 4:32; Colossians 3:12-14*).

FOR FURTHER STUDY & DISCUSSION

1. Read Gen. 43:1-14. What uncertainties were Jacob and his sons facing as they prepared to go to Egypt? What does Jacob's statement in v. 14 reveal that he believes and trusts about the nature of God, even in the midst of uncertainty? How does that help him move forward? What are some areas of uncertainty in your life right now? Make a list of the different characteristics of God that are directly relevant to your situation. How does knowing this about God help you move forward in faith, even in uncertain circumstances?
2. Read Gen. 42:25-28 and 43:15-25. What are Joseph's brothers expecting when they are invited to Joseph's house and why? How had they interpreted what God was doing in the trial? How does the steward's comment in v. 23 offer a corrective to their understanding? In addition to the physical treasure in their bags, what other valuable blessings have they received from God through this trial? What other blessings are coming? What are some hidden blessings from God that we only discover through the trials we experience, and how should that change how we respond when they come?
3. Read Gen. 43:26-34. What blessing does Joseph speak over Benjamin in v. 29, and why does he give it? How do Joseph's actions in vv. 31-34 demonstrate the grace that he just spoke over him? What had Benjamin done to earn the additional favor shown to him? What does this teach us about God's grace? In what way does Joseph's love and favor toward his undeserving brothers serve as a pointer to Jesus's love and favor toward us as undeserving sinners? As followers of Jesus, how can we demonstrate that same love and favor toward others in His name?
4. If you would like prayer in the midst of uncertain circumstances right now, please reach out to a brother or sister in Christ or one of the DCC elders at elders@damascuscc.org.

NEXT WEEK: Genesis 44-45, Pastor Andy McClellan

© 2026 Damascus Community Church, www.damascuscc.org