# Genesis 42-44 Sermon Notes

Things are not always as they seem.

1.) Sometimes what we \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is not

true.

“You have bereaved me of my children: Joseph is no more, and Simeon is no more, and now you would take Benjamin. All this has come against me.” – Genesis 42:36

* Authoritatively true reality
* Assuming the best as opposed to assuming the worst
* The danger of thinking, believing, or speaking dogmatically/authoritatively on things of which we cannot be certain.
* A call for profound and unusual humility; skillfully distrusting ourselves

2.) Sometimes the truth is right in front us of, but we are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to it.

* Examples with Jacob
* Examples with the brothers
* Is Joseph an vindictive, immature, power-abusing avenger who is acting apart from God, or is he God’s chosen agent of redemption, who is profoundly depending upon God, walking with Him, and being led by Him in all he is doing?

3.) Sometimes \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ us.

* The Andrews’ example
* It’s good; for our very possible best
* God’s greatness and complexity
* Humbly allow God to be God and surprise us and to operate in ways we may not be comfortable with – all for our greatest good, peace and freedom