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# DAILY READING

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### JOSEPH'S FINAL TEST

**44** Joseph commanded his steward, “Fill the men’s bags with as much food as they can carry, and put each one’s silver at the top of his bag. <sup>2</sup> Put my cup, the silver one, at the top of the youngest one’s bag, along with the silver for his grain.” So he did as Joseph told him.

<sup>3</sup> At morning light, the men were sent off with their donkeys. <sup>4</sup> They had not gone very far from the city when Joseph said to his steward, “Get up. Pursue the men, and when you overtake them, say to them, ‘Why have you repaid evil for good? <sup>5</sup> Isn’t this the cup that my master drinks from and uses for divination? What you have done is wrong!’ ”

<sup>6</sup> When he overtook them, he said these words to them. <sup>7</sup> They said to him, “Why does my lord say these things? Your servants could not possibly do such a thing. <sup>8</sup> We even brought back to you from the land of Canaan the silver we found at the top of our bags. How

could we steal silver or gold from your master's house?  
⁹ If it is found with one of us, your servants, he must die, and the rest of us will become my lord's slaves.”