

“Rebuilding Relationships and Trust” (Genesis 43-44)
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- 1. Trust, once broken, cannot be rebuilt immediately. (42:7)**
⇒ Rebuilding Trust Principle #1 (RTP) - Trust is not a right, it is a privilege; it is earned, not demanded.

- 2. Trust can only be rebuilt slowly, step by step. (43:21)**
⇒ RTP #2 - Trust is seen in the little details before it is granted in the big issues.

- 3. In the early stages of rebuilding trust, don't make yourself too vulnerable. (43:30)**
⇒ RTP #3- Guard your valuables (esp. your heart!) closely.
⇒ RTP #4 - The degree of caution is proportional to the depth of woundedness.

- 4. The real issues of trustworthiness are heart-issues! (44:16)**
⇒ RTP #5 - It is foolish to trust an unchanged heart.

- 5. The ultimate test of trustworthiness is the ability of a person to sacrifice himself. (44:33)**
⇒ RTP #6 - Spiritually, we are the brothers, and Jesus is Judah.