

ONE POINT*from*

לקוטי שיחות חלק טו, שיחה א לפרשת ויגש

Use these words to fill in the blanks:*** 22 * יוסף * יעקב * מהרו * hurry * necessary *****IN THE PARSHA:**

After יוסף revealed his true identity to his brothers, he told them מְהֵרָה, וְעָלוּ אֶל-אָבִי – they should _____ and tell יעקב to come down to מצרים where he would provide for him and the rest of his family for the remaining five years of the famine.

QUESTION:

Why did יוסף tell them _____ – that they should **hurry**?

ONE ANSWER:

For ____ years, יעקב was in constant pain, mourning the loss of his beloved son, יוסף. יוסף knew that this was a punishment for the 22 years that _____ was away from his own parents, יצחק and רבקה.

Now, however, the 22 years were up. There was no more need for this pain. Every extra minute of pain was unnecessary, and had to be avoided.

Therefore, _____ told his brothers to hurry, so יעקב should not suffer an extra moment.

LIFE LESSON:

Sometimes there may be a situation that requires one to be harsh with another person. Even if that might be the case, one must keep it to the barest minimum, and only what is absolutely _____.

Just as יוסף ensured that his father wouldn't have to suffer any longer than necessary, we must make sure to always treat others in the best possible way (ימין מקרבת).

Further discussion:

- Why does יוסף say מהרו אל אבי – hurry to **my** father, and not מהרו אל אבינו – hurry to **our** father? (See שיחה א in the ויגש)