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What You Need to Know About JOSEPH

“All Things Work Together for Good”

STUDY NUMBER ONE - [GENESIS 37:1-36](#)

NOTES

QUESTIONS:

1. Read [Genesis 37:1-36](#) and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. Describe the first things we know about Joseph, according to [verses 2 & 3](#).

3. What is the brothers' response to Jacob's love for Joseph, according to [verse 4](#)?

4. Describe the dreams of Joseph and the interpretation of them in [verses 5-10](#).

5. How do his brothers feel about him, according to [verses 11 & 19](#)?

6. What do they decide to do to Joseph?

7. What do his brothers do to him when he arrives on the scene?

8. What do the boys tell their father about Joseph, and what is Jacob's response to the news?

9. Which verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: The Father's promise, power, and purpose are all at work in this study.

LESSON #2: We have been made aware of the overruling power of a sovereign God which is wonderful in its counsel and mighty in its operation.

LESSON #3: One sin begets another. We have seen envy change to hatred, and hatred change to murder, and murder lead to falsehood.

LESSON #4: Just because God gives a promise it does not mean that He is not going to do a work in our lives to prepare us for the reception of the promise.

LESSON #5: The dreams were designed to sustain in the time of trial.

LESSON #6: All things work together for good to them that love God and who are called according to His purpose.

LESSON #7: Be sure your sins will find you out. Jacob is bearing the fruit of his own deception in this experience.

LESSON #8: Joseph is an example of submission to his father's authority and obedience to his command. He is submissive to the Father's will and obedient to His Word.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

STUDY NUMBER TWO - [GENESIS 39:1-23](#)

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QUESTIONS:

1. Read [Genesis 39:1-23](#) and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. Where is Joseph, according to [verse 1](#)?

3. What does the Lord do for Joseph, according to [verses 2 & 3](#)?

4. Describe Joseph's experience in [verses 4-6](#).

5. What temptation does Joseph face in [verse 7](#)?

6. How does Joseph respond to the temptation, according to verses 8 & 9?

7. What does she do in response to Joseph's faithfulness?

8. What does the Lord do for Joseph in verses 21-23?

9. Which verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: The Lord was with Joseph, and he became a successful man.

LESSON #2: The blessing on Potiphar's house was due to the fact that Joseph was working there.

LESSON #3: Recognize in temptation that the sin is against God.

LESSON #4: Remember God's plan: Be not conformed to the world, resist the devil, and flee the lusts of the flesh.

LESSON #5: When you are facing unexplainable circumstances, realize that the Lord is going with you through it, and that He has permitted it for our growth and for His glory. He has the grace to see you through (2 Cor. 12:9).

LESSON #6: God is in control of all of the circumstances and events of our lives.

LESSON #7: It is better to lose your coat and keep your character.

LESSON #8: You only give away your virginity once.

LESSON #9: It is never wrong to be tempted.

LESSON #10: Satan will point to the pleasures and not the pain of sin.

LESSON #11: Satan will minimize sin in your eyes.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

STUDY NUMBER THREE - [GENESIS 40:1-23](#)

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QUESTIONS:

1. Read [Genesis 40:1-23](#) and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. Who is also placed in prison with Joseph during this time?

3. Describe the dream of the chief cupbearer and Joseph's interpretation of it.

4. What request does Joseph make of the chief cupbearer when he is leaving prison, according to [verses 14 & 15](#)?

5. What gave the chief baker courage to reveal his dream to Joseph?

6. Describe the dream and Joseph's interpretation of it.

7. How did the fulfillment of this dream take place, according to verses 20-22?

8. What does the chief cupbearer do in verse 23?

9. Which verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: If you are now going through a time of difficulty or testing, there are three things you should remember: (1) God's way is the best way. He is using these circumstances to bring about the peaceable fruit of righteousness in your life. (2) God's time for deliverance is the best time. He is working out the impossible circumstances for your very best interest. And even though there are lonely years of waiting, God will be on schedule. (3) It is important to remember that His grace is always sufficient for us as we are going through the difficult circumstances.

LESSON #2: We are to put no confidence in man, for man at his best will only fail us. If Joseph had totally depended on him, he would have never been able to understand why he still had to spend two years in prison. Never put your confidence in man.

LESSON #3: We need to learn to wait on the Lord.

LESSON #4: We have learned that it is necessary to be faithful in the presentation of the message of death and deliverance. It is more important to give God's message than it is to be approved by man.

LESSON #5: The cure for bitterness in our relationships with each other is to see God providentially using the human vehicle to the accomplishment of His purpose, and thus Joseph is triumphant in his relationship with Potiphar.

LESSON #6: Never let circumstances affect the divine relationship.

LESSON #7: God often uses the little insignificant happenings in our lives to the ultimate accomplishment of His purpose.

LESSON #8: The closer expectations and anticipations are to reality, the happier you are going to be.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

STUDY NUMBER FOUR - [GENESIS 41:1-57](#)

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QUESTIONS:

1. Read [Genesis 41:1-57](#) and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. How much longer did Joseph have to stay in prison, according to [verse 1](#)?

3. In your own words describe Pharaoh's dream.

4. How is Joseph brought into the picture, according to [verses 9-14](#)?

5. What is Joseph's interpretation of the dreams, according to verses 25-32?

6. What does Pharaoh do for Joseph, according to verses 39-45?

7. Describe Joseph's plan for solving the economic crisis coming upon Egypt in verses 46-49.

8. What wonderful thing happened to Joseph in verses 50-52?

9. Which verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: When everything is on hold in our lives, God is working out His ultimate purpose.

LESSON #2: God's timing is always perfect.

LESSON #3: Joseph never loses his confidence in God and His faithfulness to the promises.

LESSON #4: How quickly God can make things happen when He starts to work.

LESSON #5: Joseph magnifies God before Pharaoh.

LESSON #6: Economics are truly in God's hands.

LESSON #7: The blessing of God upon Joseph’s life meets his every need.

LESSON #8: God expects us to forget our troubles and to be fruitful in the land of our suffering.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

STUDY NUMBER FIVE - [GENESIS 42:1-38](#)

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QUESTIONS:

1. Read [Genesis 42:1-38](#) and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. What brings the ten brothers of Joseph to Egypt, according to [verses 1-3](#)?

3. Why did Jacob keep Benjamin home and send the other ten, according to [verse 4](#)?

4. Describe Joseph’s position in the land and the response of his brothers when they come to see him in [verse 6](#).

5. What does Joseph remember, according to [verse 9](#)?

6. How does Joseph treat his brothers and what request does he make of them?

7. What provision does Joseph make for his brothers?

8. How do the brothers respond to the blessing of Joseph upon them, according to verse 28?

9. Which verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: We can see the persistence of divine purpose. God is working to the ultimate fulfillment of His promises.

LESSON #2: You can see the strength of human affection by the love which Joseph has for his brothers. He loves them unconditionally.

LESSON #3: You can see the power of a guilty conscience. Although 22 years have now transpired, the boys can remember even as though it were yesterday the sin which they committed against Joseph.

LESSON #4: The nature of true repentance, affecting the conscience, the memory, and the reason: (1) The conscience—we are verily guilty. (2) The memory—we saw the anguish. (3) The reason—therefore is this distress come upon us.

LESSON #5: The short-sightedness of human reason: Jacob is looking at the present events as being against him, but from God's point of view they are all working together for good.

LESSON #6: When you are fighting God's purpose, you can plan on everything being against you.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

STUDY NUMBER SIX - [GENESIS 43:1-34](#)

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QUESTIONS:

1. Read [Genesis 43:1-34](#) and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. Describe the situation for Jacob and his sons in the opening verses of [Genesis 43](#).

3. What does Jacob command his sons to do in [verses 11-14](#)?

4. What is Joseph's response to their return and obedience, according to [verse 16](#)?

5. What is the brothers' response to the invitation, according to [verse 18](#)?

6. Describe the response of the brothers to Joseph and also Joseph's concern in verses 26 & 27.

7. What is Joseph's response, according to verse 30?

8. Describe in your own words the feast that followed.

9. Which verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: God sometimes kindly uses natural circumstances to get us to be responsive to His will.

LESSON #2: It is the place of wisdom to hear the appeals of others and then to be receptive to the change of heart on the basis of the information received. The older we get, the harder this is. Many of our statements are begun with: "We've always . . ." or "Don't confuse me with the facts."

LESSON #3: It is a pattern of human nature to want to cover our fears and guilt with gifts.

LESSON #4: Fear misinterprets kindness.

LESSON #5: We are oftentimes tested when we are unconscious of it being so.

LESSON #6: Joseph's kindness and faith in God has affected other members of the household.

LESSON #7: Peace comes when we surrender our Benjamin, and we resign ourselves to the sovereign will of God. "If I am bereaved, I am bereaved."

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

STUDY NUMBER SEVEN - [GENESIS 44:1-34](#)

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QUESTIONS:

1. Read [Genesis 44:1-34](#) and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. What does Joseph ask his steward to do, according to [verses 1 & 2](#)?

3. Why do you think Joseph puts his silver cup in Benjamin's sack?

4. How did Joseph's brothers respond to the accusation of the steward, according to [verse 9](#)?

5. Who now becomes the representative for the brothers before Joseph, according to [verse 16](#)?

6. What does Joseph want to do, according to [verse 17](#)?

7. What is Judah's plea, according to verse 33?

8. Who is going to be hurt the greatest by Benjamin remaining in Egypt, according to verse 34?

9. Which verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: Many times trials and difficulties come into our lives without an explanation from our Father.

LESSON #2: Silence sometimes is the better part of valor.

LESSON #3: The brothers have learned to accept responsibility for each other.

LESSON #4: There is not a trace of selfishness because they are all in this together.

LESSON #5: As a parent, is your life bound up in the lives of your children?

LESSON #6: Judah's love is so great for his father that he is willing to lay down his life for his brother.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

STUDY NUMBER EIGHT - GENESIS 45:1-28**NOTES****QUESTIONS:**

1. Read Genesis 45:1-28 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. What does Joseph do in verses 1-4?

3. How does Joseph feel about being sold into Egypt, according to verses 5-8?

4. What does Joseph command his brothers to do in verses 9-11?

5. What does Joseph ask his brothers to tell his father, according to verse 13?

6. What does Pharaoh do, according to verses 17-20?

7. What does Joseph tell his brothers in verse 24?

8. What is Jacob's response to the good news that he has received, according to verses 27 & 28?

9. Which verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: Joseph waits to reveal himself to his brothers after their repentance and acknowledgement of guilt.

LESSON #2: When we see God in the control of people and circumstances, we are freed to forgive the instruments He uses to the accomplishment of His purpose.

LESSON #3: When we see God as the author of our circumstances, we then have wisdom to properly relate to them.

LESSON #4: Joseph manifests a compassion and concern for his family.

LESSON #5: Jacob is beginning to see the big picture. The whole dozen have been providentially kept.

LESSON #6: "I'm convinced" is the expression of a joyful heart having recognized the Lord's doing.

LESSON #7: Joseph is deeply touched by the change he sees in his brothers.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

STUDY NUMBER NINE - GENESIS 46:1-47:31**NOTES****QUESTIONS:**

1. Read Genesis 46:1-47:31 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. What is the first thing Jacob does before he leaves his homeland, and how does God respond?

3. How many went with Jacob into the land of Egypt, according to verses 26 & 27?

4. Describe in your own words the reunion between Joseph and his father, according to verses 29 & 30.

5. What is Pharaoh's response to Joseph's request for his family, according to chapter 47:5, 6?

6. Describe Jacob's first meeting with Pharaoh in verses 9 & 10.

7. Outline the steps that Joseph takes in alleviating the economic situation nationally in verses 13-26.

8. What does Jacob ask of his son Joseph in verses 28-31?

9. Which verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: Jacob wants to be certain that he is in the center of God's will in leaving the land, so he stops to offer sacrifices to God.

LESSON #2: The Lord will speak to our fears through His Word.

LESSON #3: The Lord always gives the best to those who leave the choice with Him.

LESSON #4: Oh, what peace and blessing come when we surrender to God's eternal purpose.

LESSON #5: Joseph cares for his father and his old age.

LESSON #6: There were no federal give-away programs during the time of economic crisis.

LESSON #7: We too shall say when we get to glory, "You have saved our lives."

LESSON #8: In this passage we see Jacob seeking the will of God and worshipping God, leaning on the top of his staff.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

STUDY NUMBER TEN - GENESIS 48:1-22**NOTES****QUESTIONS:**

1. Read Genesis 48:1-22 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. Describe the opening scene in Genesis 48.

3. What does Jacob share with his son Joseph in verses 3 & 4?

4. Describe the scene in verses 8-10.

5. What is Jacob's response in verse 11?

6. What does Jacob do for Joseph in verses 15 & 16?

7. What does Jacob do in verses 17-20?

8. What does Jacob tell Joseph in verse 21?

9. Which verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: Joseph displays a care and concern for his father in the hour of his death.

LESSON #2: Jacob has grown spiritually through the many experiences that he has had.

LESSON #3: We find him resting in the presence and promises of God as he recounts the covenant.

LESSON #4: We find him filled with gratitude over the past as he refers to God as the one who has shepherded him all his life.

LESSON #5: We see love in his heart toward others in his love for Joseph and his two sons.

LESSON #6: Children are a gift from the Lord. "They are the sons God has given me here."

LESSON #7: God is ever surprising His children with added blessings beyond their expectations.

LESSON #8: God's will is accomplished even in the crossing of Jacob's hands to pronounce the blessing.

LESSON #9: We must be careful not to put our will and desires ahead of God's will for our lives.

LESSON #10: We begin to demonstrate faith when all our "If's" are changed to "When."

LESSON #11: Friends and loved ones die and leave us, but God will never leave us nor forsake us.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

STUDY NUMBER ELEVEN - GENESIS 49:1-33

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QUESTIONS:

1. Read Genesis 49:1-33 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. What is Jacob's request, according to verses 1 & 2?

3. What does Jacob predict for Reuben, according to verses 3 & 4?

4. What is Jacob's prediction for Simeon and Levi, according to verses 5-7?

5. What is the significance of verse 10 in relationship to Judah?

6. Summarize the prediction for Joseph in verses 22-26.

7. What final instructions does Jacob give his sons in verses 29-32?

8. What do you think is the meaning of the phrase in verse 33 “gathered to his people”?

9. Which verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: God grant us stability in these unstable times.

LESSON #2: Deliver us from anger and cruelty.

LESSON #3: Jesus Christ is the Lion of the tribe of Judah who is going to come to rule and reign.

LESSON #4: We can miss God’s best for us by failing to do His will today.

LESSON #5: Freedom and fruit ought to characterize our lives.

LESSON #6: Our Father is glorified with much fruit.

LESSON #7: The Hand, the Shepherd, and the Rock of Israel wait to deliver us.

LESSON #8: Jacob teaches us how to die.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

STUDY NUMBER TWELVE - [GENESIS 50:1-26](#)**NOTES****QUESTIONS:**

1. Read [Genesis 50:1-26](#) and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. Describe Joseph's response to his father's death in [verses 1-9](#).

3. Where is Jacob buried, according to [verse 13](#)?

4. What is the concern of Joseph's brothers, according to [verse 15](#)?

5. What do they do in light of their concern, according to [verses 16 & 17](#)?

6. What is Joseph's response to their pleas, according to [verses 19-21](#)?

7. Describe in your own words the remainder of Joseph's life.

8. What does Joseph say to his brothers in his final statement, according to verses 24 & 25?

9. Which verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: Death for the man who walks with God is just a simple conclusion to a well-ordered life of service here on the earth. The Lord is saying, "Come on home, I have some new assignments for you."

LESSON #2: The greatest things we can do for those who depart from us is to fulfill their final wishes.

LESSON #3: Oftentimes the guilt of past sins comes back to haunt us. God expects us to forget those things which are behind and press on toward those things which are in front.

LESSON #4: We grieve our Savior by our inability to believe Him and that His forgiveness is legitimate.

LESSON #5: The validity of Joseph's forgiveness is seen in his consistency of attitude.

LESSON #6: Joseph is looking to the future with confidence when it comes time for him to die.

LESSON #7: Joseph was a good man who walked with God. He did what he could.

LESSON #8: All things work together for good.

LESSON #9: Joseph was a man who feared God, desired to please God, fellowshiped with God, and saw God in people and events.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:
