



FAMILY IMPRESSIONS



Impressing the Love of Jesus on Every Heart in Every Home Every Day

GENESIS 46-50: JOSEPH FORGIVES

LISTEN

Talk about your day. Check-in to see how everyone is doing. Share blessings and challenges. This will help you connect God's word to your daily lives.

Read Genesis 46-50 at your own pace.

LEARN

Discuss what you've read. Begin with any of your own observations or questions. Discuss the questions for each chapter. Conclude with Luther's Four Questions (bottom).

Genesis 46 What did Israel (Jacob) do before leaving for Egypt? How did God respond? Why would he be anxious about going to Egypt? How did he show faith? Why does Moses record the family names? How many? Where did they live in Egypt? Why?

Genesis 47 How did Pharaoh receive Joseph's family? How old was Jacob by this time? What happened throughout Egypt and Canaan? What did Joseph collect in exchange for food? How did the people feel about it? Why would God enrich an unbelieving nation like that? How did God bless the Israelites? How long did Jacob live? What request did he make? Why? How do we show faith in God at the time of our own death?

Genesis 48 What two sons were born to Joseph? What did Jacob do for them? How do/can grandparents bless grandchildren today? Why did Jacob cross his arms to bless Joseph's two sons? Sound familiar? How did Joseph react? Describe blessing Jacob spoke.

Genesis 49 Whom else did Jacob bless before dying? What is the benefit to delivering such a message to family before death? (Have you prepared dying wishes and estate plan?) Describe message to each son. What is the special meaning of blessing to Judah (especially v.10)? Note description of God in blessing of Joseph. What request did Jacob repeat to all of his sons? A/D – Jacob was prepared for death. Are you?

Genesis 50 Embalming was an Egyptian practice – why did Joseph embalm his father? What secular customs do we follow? Good or bad? How did the brothers honor Jacob? What fear came over Joseph's brothers? What plan did they make? How did he once again reassure them? How long did Joseph live? How did he show faith in God's promises at his time of death? What request did he make of his brothers? Have you prepared for your burial?

Luther's Four Questions

1. *What does this teach you about God?*
2. *What sin does this lead you to personally confess?*
3. *How does this point us to Jesus?*
4. *What does God want us to believe or do as we think about this?*

LOVE

Pray from what you learned:

I Praise you God because you are ...
Forgive me because I am (or I have) ...
Thank you, Jesus, for ...
Help me ...

Add any other prayers for self, family or others and the Lord's Prayer.

Memorize God's Word by repeating together. Do one passage/section each day until memorized. Then move on to the next passage. You may not learn all the passages; that's OK. You can learn more in the future.

Genesis 50:20 You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.

One last opportunity to review all the passages learned from Genesis.

Bless each other with God's name:

The LORD bless you and keep you.
The LORD make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The LORD look on you with favor
† and give you peace. Amen.