# ALL THINGS FOR OCC HARVEST WOMEN'S STUDY









#### Schedule

#### DISCUSSION GROUPS

9:15-9:50/6:30-7:05

#### MOVE TO WORSHIP CENTER

9:50-9:55/7:05-7:10

#### WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

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#### MESSAGE

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# ALL THINGS FOR OOC WEEK ONE

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### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS // WEEK ONE

Introduction

#### 1. Have women introduce themselves:

- a. Name
- b. How many studies have you done at Harvest?
- c. What's one benefit you've found from studying scripture?
- d. What's one obstacle that makes it hard to study scripture?

#### 2. Go over schedule:

- a. In the front of your notebook
- b. Please be really good about sticking to times so that we can be faithful to get you out on time.

#### 3. Explain homework:

- a. Questions with asterisks will be your discussion questions each week.
- b. First day questions will be much shorter because it's a lot of reading...please do the whole reading so that you can get the full picture of the story for the week.
- c. Memorization:
  - i. Go over verses we'll memorize: Romans 8:26-28, 31-32
  - ii. You can use an app (like Verses) to help you memorize along with doing the daily stuff if you'd like extra help.
  - iii. Ask women what they think would be some benefits to memorizing the scripture.

#### 4. Lovingly and gently request a commitment to attend:

- a. Ask what they think benefits of sticking with it for each individual woman would be...
- b. Ask what they think benefits of sticking with it for the group as a whole would be...
- c. Encourage them to connect with each other outside of Wednesdays.

#### 5. Getting our hearts ready for the study...

- a. What is one thing you hope to learn through this study?
- b. What is one thing you already know about the story of Joseph?
- c. Write down your answer to these questions somewhere in your notebook so that you can look back when the study is over and see how your perspective changed throughout the 6 weeks.

#### 6. Close in prayer, offering the study to the Lord.

## LISTENING GUIDE // WEEK ONE God is in Control: Lessons from the Pit - Genesis 37

1. God is in control when you experience	Seek	that's found in your
relationship with (vs. 5-11)		
2. God is in control when your dreams are	His sovere	eign (vs. 12-28)

3. God is in control when	doesn't make	Put your	in Him. (vs. 29-36)



"Behind our life the Weaver stands, and works His wondrous will; we leave it all in His wise hands, and trust his perfect will. Should mystery enshroud His plan and our short sight be dim, we will not try the whole to scan, but leave each thread to Him."

~ C. Mwray

#### M Day One

c. Genesis 35:16-20

**Pray:** Open in prayer with the words of Psalm 33:20-22. "(My) soul waits for (You) Lord; (You are my) help and shield. For (my) heart is glad in (You), because (I) trust in (Your) holy name. Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon (me), even as (I) hope in You."

Memorize: Please read Romans 8:26 slowly and then write it out on an index card or sticky note. Put your card in your kitchen, on the bathroom mirror, or somewhere else where you will be able to see it and read it several times a day. "Likewise, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words."

**Study:** Today as we prepare for our study on the life of Joseph we will take a look at his "back story" as we briefly examine his family history and some of the events that occurred before Genesis 37. Please read Genesis 29:30-31, Genesis 30:1, 22-24, and Genesis 31:17-21.

1. As you read, underline or make note of the verbs/action words. With those words in mind, record your observations

about Joseph's father (Jacob) and mother (Rachel).	
a. Jacob:	
b. Rachel:	
2. *In the verses below you will read about 3 events in Joseph's early life. What impact would these have had his character? Record your thoughts on the lines provided.	in forming
a. Genesis 35:1-7	
b. Genesis 35:9-12	

3. Consider what you know so far about Jacob, Rachel, and Joseph, what similarities do you see to your own life?				
4. How do you see God at work in Joseph's life so far?				
5. Review the words of Psalm 33:20-22 from the opening prayer. As you apply what you have learned today to your life write down a few areas in which you need to wait for the Lord, be glad in Him, trust Him, or hope in him.				
6. Close in prayer.				
Day Two				
Pray: Reflect on the words of Psalm 23:1-3 as you open in prayer today. "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths or righteousness for His name's sake." Ask Him for strength to trust His shepherding guidance in your life and to give yo confidence that He will restore your soul and show you paths of righteousness.				
Memorize: Please fill in the blanks. Likewise, the helps us in our For we do not what to for as we, but the himself for us with				
too deep Romans 8:26				
Study: Please read Genesis 37.				
1. *Although the name of God is not mentioned in Genesis 37, how do you think that God might be working in Joseph life in this chapter?				
2. What is one thing that you can learn from Genesis 37?				
3. Close your study today by prayerfully committing to God's control – trusting that He will lead you in ways that wi restore your soul and bring righteous growth.				

#### ₩ Day Three

*Pray:* James 3:17 tells us that the wisdom from above is pure, peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy, good fruit, impartial, and sincere. As you open in prayer today focus on these qualities of godly wisdom.

<b>Memorize</b> : Organize the	groups of words below into the proper order.	
<ul><li>a. with groanings too</li><li>b. intercedes for us</li><li>c. helps us in our</li><li>d. deep for words.</li><li>e. For we do not know</li></ul>	<ul><li>f. ought, but the Spirit Himself</li><li>g. weakness.</li><li>h. Likewise, the Spirit</li><li>i. what to pray for as we</li><li>j. Romans 8:26</li></ul>	
<b>Study:</b> Please read Genesi	s 37:1-11.	
1. *On the lines below recor	d any words or phrases in these verses th	nat describe the relationships within this family.
a. Joseph and his fa	ther, Jacob:	
b. Joseph and his b	rothers:	
	the Old Testament, dreams were given at significance might they hold for Josep.	great significance as messages from God. As you h and his family?
3. Why did Joseph's brother	s hate him?	
4. In what ways do you iden a. Joseph:	tify with the individuals in this family?	
b. The brothers:		
c. Jacob:		

	one of the wise qualities from James 3:17 that you can focus on to replace jealousy and selfishness.				
	6. Close in prayer by confessing any jealousy and selfishness God has shown you. Commit to replacing this sinful attitud with wisdom that He desires for you.				
	Day Four				
	<b>Pray:</b> Commit this time in the Word to the Lord. Ask Him to show you how He is working in your life even in th midst of difficult times.				
	Memorize: Write out Romans 8:26 on the lines below:				
	Study: Please read Genesis 37:12-28.				
	t. *On the lines below briefly outline the events in this section. Look for the major characters, their actions, and locations mentioned.				
	locations mentioned.				
	locations mentioned.				
	2. How do you see God's intervention in these verses? What is the outcome for Joseph?				

F	Record the outcome of that situation below.
5	5. *Read Psalm 40:1-3 and record the following on the lines below:
	a. Our response to God when we are in a "pit" or time of testing:
	b. God's response and actions on our behalf:
	5. In light of Psalm 40:1-3 how could you change your focus during times of testing and difficulty? Record you houghts below.
7	7. Use the thoughts you wrote in item 6 above as a starting point for your prayer time today.
o	Day Five
	<b>Pray:</b> Begin today by asking God to allow you to know Him more as you study His word and to show you how respond to the truth He shows you.
	<i>Memorize</i> : Read through Romans 8:26 one more time to refresh your memory if necessary. Now say the words or oud from memory. See how much you know without looking at the words!
ý	Study: Today we will finish our study of Genesis 37 with verses 29 - 36.
1	. List the major characters in this section and describe their attitude in this scene.

3. *What character qualities (positive or negative) do you see illustrated in this chapter?			
a. Joseph:			
b. The brothers:			
c. Jacob:			
4. What have you learned from this chapter about:  a. Family relationships:			
b. Jealousy and envy:			
c. God's purposes for difficult experiences:			
5. *In Genesis 37 we can see that Joseph had little control over the events of his life. How do you respond when you are in a situation where you can't control the outcome? Are you more attached to your feelings of control or your relationship with God?			
6. Close your study today by affirming your commitment to trusting God's plan for your life.			

# ALL THINGS FOR OOC WEEK TWO

God is Present Lessons from Captivity Genesis 39



#### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS // WEEK TWO



- 1. What impacted you from last week's message?
- 2. In the verses below you will read about 3 events in Joseph's early life. What impact would these have had in forming his character?
  - a. Genesis 35:1-7
  - b. Genesis 35:9-12
  - c. Genesis 35:16-20
- 3. Although the name of God is not mentioned in Genesis 37, how do you think that God might be working in Joseph's life in this chapter?
- 4. Discuss any words or phrases in these verses that describe the relationships within this family.
  - a. Joseph and his father, Jacob.
  - b. Joseph and his brothers.
- 5. In the ancient world of the Old Testament, dreams were given great significance as messages from God. As you review Joseph's dreams, what significance might they hold for Joseph and his family?
- 6. Discuss the events in this section. Look for the major characters, their actions, and locations mentioned.
- 7. Can you think of a situation in your life that was difficult, but you can now see was a test or opportunity for growth?
- 8. Read Psalm 40:1-3 and discuss the following:
  - a. Our response to God when we are in a "pit" or time of testing.
  - b. God's response and actions on our behalf.
- 9. What character qualities (positive or negative) do you see illustrated in this chapter?
  - a. Joseph
  - b. The brothers
  - c. Jacob
- 10. In Genesis 37 we can see that Joseph had little control over the events of his life. How do you respond when you are in a situation where you can't control the outcome? Are you more attached to your feelings of control or your relationship with God?
- 11. In small groups or as a large group, please close this time in prayer, telling the Lord one thing that you will apply to your life from this week's passage.

### LISTENING GUIDE // WEEK TWO God is Present: Lessons from Captivity - Genesis 39

1. God is with you:	God's	in the midst of your circumstances. (vs. 2-3, 21, 23)
2. God is with you:	God's	in the midst of your circumstances. (vs. 1-6)
2. God is with you:	God's	in the midst of your circumstances. (vs. 1-6)
2. God is with you:	God's	in the midst of your circumstances. (vs. 1-6)
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2. God is with you:	God's	in the midst of your circumstances. (vs. 1-6)
2. God is with you:	God's	in the midst of your circumstances. (vs. 1-6)
2. God is with you:	God's	in the midst of your circumstances. (vs. 1-6)
2. God is with you:	God's	in the midst of your circumstances. (vs. 1-6)

3. God is with you:	with God's	in the midst of your circumstances. (vs. 7-18)
4. God is with you:	to God's	in the midst of your circumstances. (vs. 19-23)
4. God is with you:	to God's	in the midst of your circumstances. (vs. 19-23)
4. God is with you:	to God's	in the midst of your circumstances. (vs. 19-23)
4. God is with you:	to God's	in the midst of your circumstances. (vs. 19-23)
4. God is with you:	to God's	in the midst of your circumstances. (vs. 19-23)
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4. God is with you:	to God's	in the midst of your circumstances. (vs. 19-23)
4. God is with you:	to God's	in the midst of your circumstances. (vs. 19-23)
4. God is with you:	to God's	in the midst of your circumstances. (vs. 19-23)
4. God is with you:	to God's	in the midst of your circumstances. (vs. 19-23)



"Those who see God's hand in everything can best leave everything in God's hand."

~ Unknown

#### M Day One

**Pray:** As we begin studying this week, hold tightly to the truth that God is with you as you walk through the circumstances of life, just as the Lord was with Joseph. Use Deuteronomy 31:8 as a prayer to the Lord, and ask the Lord to give you a fresh understanding of His presence with you at all times.

"It is the LORD who goes before you. He will be with you; He will not leave you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed." Deuteronomy 31:8

*Memorize:* This week we will be memorizing Romans 8:27. Begin by reading the verse out loud a few times. Then rewrite the verse on a notecard and place it where you can refer to it and reread it frequently.

"And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God." Romans 8:27

**Study:** Today we will get a bird's eye view of Genesis 39. Read Genesis 39.

1. *Briefly summarize what happens in this chapter.
2. What's one thing you can learn about God from this passage?
3. End by writing a prayer to the Lord. Thank Him that He is with you. Ask Him to show you the reality of His presence going before you, remaining with you, and never leaving or forsaking you in your present circumstances this week.

#### Day Two

**Pray:** Begin by praying 2 Timothy 2:20-21 to the Lord. By faith thank the Lord that He is preparing you for future service in His kingdom through the circumstances that you face today.

"Now in a great house, there are not only vessels of gold and silver but also of wood and clay, some for honorable use, some for dishonorable. Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from what is dishonorable, he will be a vessel for honorable use, set apart as holy, useful to the master of the house, ready for every good work." 2 Timothy 2:20-21

<b>Memorige</b> : Refer to your notecard. Say the first phrase of Romans 8:27 out loud a few times. Think about the meaning of this phrase and what it teaches you about God. Think about what this phrase teaches you about yourself. Now try to write the phrase from memory on the lines below.
Study: Today we will focus on Genesis 39:1-6 as we look at how God prepared Joseph through his captivity.  1. Where is Joseph as the chapter begins?
2. *What phrase/idea is repeated multiple times in these verses? Why do you think this is important?
3. Look at verses 4-5.  a. What job was Joseph given as he served in Potiphar's house?
b. Now take a quick peek ahead in our story and look at Genesis 41:40. What job was Joseph given by Pharaoh
c. How was God preparing Joseph even as he was a slave in Potiphar's house?
4. Record what you learn about Joseph in these verses. What do you learn about his character? Are there any qualities in Joseph that you admire, respect, or desire to imitate?

	might God be using your present circumstances to prepare you for future acts of service for His glory? Wients do you need to make to your attitude and mindset as you see the possible ways God is preparing you ervice?
Ask Hin	our study time today with prayer. Ask the Lord to help you to see your present preparation from his perspecti n to continue to prepare your heart and life for future acts of service for His glory and tell Him of your desire te with Him.
Day	Three
Pray:	As you begin studying today, pray James 1:2-4 to the Lord. Thank the Lord for the way that His testing grows yor, making you mature and complete. Ask Him to help you to view the trials and tests of life through His eyes.
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Pray: characte "Count it And let s Memore meaning Now try	As you begin studying today, pray James 1:2-4 to the Lord. Thank the Lord for the way that His testing grows your, making you mature and complete. Ask Him to help you to view the trials and tests of life through His eyes. all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing." James 1:2-4  *tige: Refer to your notecard. Say the second phrase of Romans 8:27 out loud a few times. Think about gof this phrase and what it teaches you about God. Think about what this phrase teaches you about yours

2. What was Joseph's response to the temptation?
a. What did he say (vs 8-9)?
b. What did he do (vs 10, 12)?
3. What was the response of Potiphar's wife (vs 13-18)?
4. Think about the reasons why Joseph did not give in to Potiphar's wife.
a. What does this tell you about Joseph's character?
b. What does this tell you about Joseph's faith in God?
5. *When you are faced with temptation, how do you respond? What about Joseph's response could help you in th temptations and trials that you face?
6. *a. What do you think God was doing in Joseph as He allowed him to face this particular trial and temptation?
b. What do you think God is doing in your own life when He allows you to face trials and temptations?
7. Close by writing a prayer to the Lord. Ask the Lord to give you the courage to respond to life's trials and temptation with faithfulness and integrity. Thank the Lord for His faithful love that grows you to maturity in Him.

#### ₩ Day Four

**Pray:** Begin by asking the Lord to continue to mold and shape your mind and heart through His Word as you study. Ask the Lord to help you to trust Him in the circumstances of life even though you may not always understand what He is doing. Use 2 Corinthians 5:7 as a prayer to the Lord.

"for we walk by faith, not by sight." 2 Corinthians 5:7

<b>Memorize:</b> Unscramble the phrases of our memory verse as you write it on the lines bel
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who searches hearts intercedes for the saints	And he what is the mind	of the Spirit, according to	the will of God. because the Spirit
Romans 8:27:			
<b>Study:</b> Today we will look a Genesis 39:19-20. Read Genes	<b>.</b>	oseph's circumstances in t	the midst of his captivity as we look at
1. What was the result of Jose	ph's right response to the	temptation he faced?	
2. How would you feel at this reaction be if something like			h as described here? What would your God?
			seph's story. Why was it important that estory if you are not sure of the answer.)
4. *How do you think Joseph' worked to develop his faith?	's situation (unfairly made	e a slave, wrongly accused	of a crime, thrown into prison falsely)
5. How do you think God is a	using the circumstances o	of your life to develop you	r faith and move you where He wants

	3. *Look once more at verse 21. Four words stand out. The Lord was with Joseph, meaning He was beside him. The Lord showed Joseph steadfast love, meaning He poured out His goodness, kindness, and mercy. The Lord gave him favor meaning God gave Joseph grace.
	2. What was the result of God's favor with Joseph while he was in prison?
	1. What phrase or idea is repeated multiple times in these verses?  Output  Description:
	<b>Study:</b> Today we will look at God's presence and favor with Joseph in the midst of his captivity as we study Genesi 39:21-23. Read Genesis 39:21-23.
	Memorize: Write Romans 8:27 on the lines below. Then try to say Romans 8:26-27 from memory.
	<b>Pray:</b> Begin by thanking the Lord that His presence is with you. Ask Him to reveal ways that you can walk more intentionally in this truth as you study today. Before you study, meditate on Exodus 33:14, God's words to Moses in the wilderness.  "And He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." Exodus 33:14
1	Day Five
	sense to you? Close in prayer. Thank the Lord that He is over the circumstances of your life. Ask Him to help you se your life through the eyes of faith. Tell Him of your trust in Him.
	7. Can you, like Joseph, trust God's sovereign hand over the circumstances of your own life even when they don't make
	6. *What can you do to trust God even if you don't understand the "why" behind where you are at or what is happening

b. Why is this important to keep in mind?
c. How do you think this truth helped Joseph in the midst of his difficulty?
d. How could the knowledge of this truth help you in the midst of difficulty?
<ul><li>4. *It seems contradictory to think that God was giving Joseph favor in his imprisonment, but this has been a majo theme throughout this chapter.</li><li>a. What character qualities have you seen in Joseph as he has walked through enslavement, false accusation, and imprisonment throughout chapter 39?</li></ul>
b. What have you learned about God's character as you have walked through this chapter?
c. How can you relate these truths to your own life? How does your attitude and perspective need to change as a result of what you are learning?
5. Close by writing a prayer to the Lord. Thank Him that His presence gives you strength to face whatever circumstance He allows. Tell Him about one thing that you have learned this week, and tell Him what you will do to apply this trutl to your life.

# ALL THINGS FOR OOC WEEK THREE

God is at Work Lessons in Waiting Genesis 39:21–41:36



#### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS // WEEK THREE

God is Present: Lessons from Captivity - Genesis 39



- 1. What impacted you from last week's message?
- 2. Briefly summarize what happens in this chapter.
- 3. What phrase/idea is repeated multiple times in these verses? Why do you think this is important?
- 4. How might God be using your present circumstances to prepare you for future acts of service for His glory? What adjustments do you need to make to your attitude and mindset as you see the possible ways God is preparing you for future service?
- 5. When you are faced with temptation, how do you respond? What about Joseph's response could help you in the temptations and trials that you face?
  - a. What do you think God was doing in Joseph as He allowed him to face this particular trial and temptation?
  - b. What do you think God is doing in your own life when He allows you to face trials and temptations?
- 6. How do you think Joseph's situation (unfairly made a slave, wrongly accused of a crime, thrown into prison falsely) worked to develop his faith?
- 7. What can you do to trust God even if you don't understand the "why" behind where you are at or what is happening?
- 8. Look once more at verse 21. Four words stand out. The Lord was with Joseph, meaning He was beside him. The Lord showed Joseph steadfast love, meaning He poured out His goodness, kindness, and mercy. The Lord gave him favor, meaning God gave Joseph grace.
  - a. Does God's favor have more to do with your physical circumstances or with His presence in the midst of what you face?
  - b. Why is this important to keep in mind?
  - c. How do you think this truth helped Joseph in the midst of his difficulty?
  - d. How could the knowledge of this truth help you in the midst of difficulty?
- 9. It seems contradictory to think that God was giving Joseph favor in his imprisonment, but this has been a major theme throughout this chapter.
  - a. What character qualities have you seen in Joseph as he has walked through enslavement, false accusation, and imprisonment throughout chapter 39?
  - b. What have you learned about God's character as you have walked through this chapter?
  - c. How can you relate these truths to your own life? How do your attitude and perspective need to change as a result of what you are learning?
- 10. In small groups or as a large group, please close this time in prayer, telling the Lord one thing that you will apply to your life from this week's passage.

### LISTENING GUIDE // WEEK THREE God is at Work: Lessons in Waiting - Genesis 39:21-41:36

1. God is at work:	for evidence of His work in your	as you wait for Him. (39:21-23)
2. God is at work: Let His on Him. (Genesis 40)	, not your	, dictate your behavior and attitude as you wait

3. God is at work:	Him in your waiting, and give Him the	when you see Him move. (41:1-36)



"God is always doing 10,000 things in your life, and you may be aware of 3 of them." ~ **John Piper** 

## Day One

**Pray:** 1 Peter 4:19 says, "Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good." Please open this time in prayer, asking the Lord to help you to entrust your soul to Him as you learn from Joseph's life.

Memorize: Please read and quote Romans 8:28 several times, emphasizing a different word each time you read it:

And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to His purpose.

**Study:** Today we'll take a 10,000-foot view of the passage for the week. Please read Genesis 39:21-41:36 and answer the following questions.

1. *What do you t	hink God is seeking to accomplish in this passage?
2. What is one thi	ng from this passage that impacts your life?
3. Please close thi	s time in prayer, telling the Lord what you hope to understand better as you study this week.

## Day Two

**Pray:** Please open this time in prayer with Psalm 27:14, "Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!" The original Hebrew is translated, "Wait on Yahweh. Be of good courage and He will strengthen your heart. Wait, I say, on Yahweh." Please ask the Lord to show you how He strengthened Joseph's heart in the midst of his struggles, and how He will strengthen your heart in the midst of yours.

Memorize: Please fill in	n the blanks:			
Romans 8:28 – And weaccord	that for those who ing to His	God, all things	together for	, for those
<b>Study:</b> Please read Gene	sis 39:21-40:8 and answer the	following questions.		
1. If you were in Joseph's sl	noes, how would you have resp	oonded to being falsely pu	t in prison?	
2. How might Joseph have	viewed God in light of how th	ne keeper of the prison tre	ated him?	
3. *How do you see God's	sovereign hand working in thi	s situation?		
4. In light of vs. 6, what ar to their dreams?	e some "what if" questions you	ı think the baker and the o	cupbearer might have h	ad in response
5. What does Joseph's resp	onse to the cupbearer and the	baker tell you about Jose	oh's attitude in vs. 6-8?	
6. What does Joseph's resp	onse in vs. 8 tell you about Jos	seph's view of God?		
7. *What attribute(s) of G	od do you rely on when you're	not sure what He's doing?	,	

help you to trust that He is at work in your waiting.
Day Three
<i>Pray:</i> Please ask the Lord to show you from this study today how He is a "stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble; And those who know Your name will put their trust in You. For You, O LORD, have not forsaker those who seek You" (Psalm 9:9-10).
Memorige: Please fill in the blanks:
Romans 8:28 – And wethat forwhoGod,thingstogether for forwho areaccording to His
<b>Study</b> : Please read Genesis 40:9-23 and answer the following questions.
1. What were the interpretations given for the dreams of the cupbearer and the baker, and what were the outcomes of the interpretations?
a. Cupbearer: i. Interpretation:
ii. Outcome:
b. Baker: i. Interpretation:
ii. Outcome:
2. What do the outcomes of the dreams tell you about God?

3. *Please read vs. 14-15.
a. How did Joseph explain his situation?
b. To whom did Joseph attribute blame?
c. To whom do you attribute blame when you go through suffering?
4. * What hope do the following verses give you when you are suffering?
a. Isaiah 40:27-29
b. Isaiah 41:13
c. Isaiah 63:9
"God's will is what we would want if we had all the facts." ~ William Thrasher
5. Compare vs. 1 with vs. 23. What "facts" do you think Joseph held onto while He was waiting on God?
6. *What scripture or truth about God stirs you to wait on Him?
7. Please close this time in prayer telling the Lord what you learned from Joseph's example.



*Pray:* Please open this time in prayer and ask the Lord to show you His faithfulness through Joseph's story. Ask Him to show you the truth of Micah 7:7, "But as for me, I will look to the LORD; I will wait for the God of my salvation; my God will hear me."

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Genesis 41	1:1-13.					
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a. What qu	ıestions al	oout God did you wre	stle with during	that time?		
o. What pr	romises of	God gave you strengt	th?			
are 39:21 w	rith 41:1. V	Vhat does this teach y	ou about the Loi	rd's steadfast love	e and favor?	
give a "on	e phrase s	tatement" to summar	rize Pharaoh's dre	eams.		
ould Phar	raoh's drea	ms trouble him?				
e do you te	nd to turn	to when you are anx	ious or fearful?			
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	7. Please compare Joseph's response in 40:8 with the cupbearer's response in 41:12-13. What insight do you gain from the 2 responses?
	8. *How can you see God's sovereign hand and steadfast love at work throughout this week's lesson?
	9. Looking back on your own circumstances, how can you see God's sovereign hand and steadfast love at work in your life
	10. Please close in prayer, telling the Lord what you learned about Him and about yourself today.
1	Day Five  Pray: As you open this time in prayer, please ask the Lord to help you to view suffering through the lens of 1 Peter 1:6-7, "In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith – more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire – may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ."
	Memorize: Please review and quote Romans 8:26-28 from memory. What insights have you gained from these verse as you've spent time memorizing them?
	Study: Genesis 41:14-36.  1. What would you be thinking if you were in Joseph's shoes when they had him shave and change his clothes?
	2. *What does Joseph's response to Pharaoh in vs. 16 tell you about him a. In relation to God?

b. In relation to Pharaoh?
c. In relation to himself?
3. How do you think the years of being imprisoned and put in charge of Potiphar's household as well as the prison prepared Joseph for this day?
4. How do you see that God has used your past to prepare you for where you are today?
5. What attributes of God could describe His involvement in this passage? (Psalm 103:1-14 may be helpful.)
6. If Joseph wrote a prayer to God at this point, what do you think he would say?
7. *Think back over the whole story so far vs. the snapshot of the passage from this week. How do you see God working in the whole picture vs. the small snapshot?
8. Please close this time in prayer telling the Lord what you've learned from this passage.

# ALL THINGS FOR OOC WEEK FOUR

God is Faithful Lessons in Grace Genesis 41:37–42:38



## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS // WEEK FOUR

God is at Work: Lessons in Waiting - Genesis 39:21-41:36

- 1. What impacted you from last week's message?
- 2. What do you think God is seeking to accomplish in this passage?
- 3. How do you see God's sovereign hand working in this situation?
- 4. What attribute(s) of God do you rely on when you're not sure what He's doing?
- 5. Please read vs. 14-15
  - a. How did Joseph explain his situation?
  - b. To whom did Joseph attribute blame?
  - c. To whom do you attribute blame when you go through suffering?
- 6. What hope do the following verses give you when you are suffering?
  - a. Isaiah 40:27-29
  - b. Isaiah 41:13
  - c. Isaiah 63:9
- 7. What scripture or truth about God stirs you to wait on Him?
- 8. Has there been a time in your life or are you going through a time now where you felt like you had been forgotten by the Lord?
- 9. How can you see God's sovereign hand and steadfast love at work throughout this week's lesson?
- 10. What does Joseph's response to Pharaoh in vs. 16 tell you about him...
  - a. In relation to God?
  - b. In relation to Pharaoh?
  - c. In relation to himself?
- 11. Think back over the whole story so far vs. the snapshot of the passage from this week. How do you see God working in the whole picture vs. the small snapshot?
- 12. In small groups or as a large group, please close this time in prayer, telling the Lord one thing that you will apply to your life from this week's passage.

## LISTENING GUIDE // WEEK FOUR God is Faithful: Lessons in Grace - Genesis 41:37 - 42:38

1. God is faithful during every season of life. Remember His	(41:37-57)
2. God is faithful and will help you rather than exact	
(42:1-20)	

3. God is faithful to bring	in the hearts of others. Keep your heart right and	
(42:21-38)	in the hearts of others. Keep your heart right and	





"Amazing grace how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see. "Twas grace that taught my heart to fear and grace my fears relieved. How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed."

~ John Newton

### M Day One

**Pray**: Commit your time of study to the Lord today. Ask Him to show you what He would like you to learn today.

**Memorize**: Please read Romans 8:26 slowly and then write it out on an index card or sticky note. Keep this card in a place where you will see it throughout the week. "What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?"

Study: Please read Genesis 41:37 - 42:34.

1. *In our reading today we can see God working in Joseph's life in many ways. Which of these stands out most to you?
2. What is one thing that you can learn from the reading today?
3. Close in prayer by thanking God for what He has shown you from His word today.

## Day Two

**Pray:** Open in prayer today by focusing on the words of Lamentations 3:22-23. "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." Ask God to show you how He is working in your life as you study His work in the life of Joseph.

<ul><li>a. Romans 8:31</li><li>b. be for us,</li><li>c. be against us?</li><li>d. these things?</li></ul>	e. who can f. What then shall g. If God h. we say to
<b>Study:</b> In Genesis 2	41:37-46 Joseph's situation will change dramatically and quickly.
1. In verse 37 we read	that Pharaoh was pleased. What had pleased him?
2. Why did Pharaoh	promote Joseph?
3. List signs of autho	ority given to Joseph by Pharaoh.
4. How old was Josep	oh at this time? (refer to Genesis 37:2 & 41:56)
5. *What reasons mi	ght God have had for allowing the years of trial and waiting before elevating Joseph?
6. Think of a situatithat situation?	ion when you have experienced a time of waiting. What do you think God was teaching you ir
7. *Based upon what of testing and/or wai	you have learned from Joseph's example what are some practical steps you can take during a time iting?

*Memorize*: Organize the groups of words below into the proper order.

	8. As you close your time of study today, focus again on the words of Lamentations 3:22-23.						
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S	<b>Pray</b> : Lamentations 3:25-27 "The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him." Commi seeking what the Lord has for you in His word today.						
c	Memorize: Write out Romans 8:31 on the lines below:						
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	<b>Study:</b> Today we will study Genesis 41:47-57.  1. On the lines below list words or phrases that repeat and any words that you feel are power words in this section.						
1	a. Repeating words:						
	b. Power words:						
2	2. What qualities and personal traits do you see demonstrated during this time in Joseph's life?						
	3. *Joseph gave Hebrew names to each of his sons (vv. 51-52). What does each name mean and why is each signific for Joseph?						
	a. Manasseh:						

	4. *How have you seen God's faithfulness in your life?  5. What are some ways that you can remain focused on God's purpose for your life in each season you experience?							
-	6. Close in prayer with the thoughts you recorded in questions four and five.							
	Day Four							
	<b>Pray</b> : Begin your study today by praising God with the words of Psalm 86:15. "But you, O Lord, are a God merciand gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness."							
	Memorize: Please fill in the blanks:         Romans 8:31 shall we say to these? If be for, who         be?							
•	<b>Study:</b> We will look at the events of Genesis 42:1-17 today.							
	1. On the lines below list the major characters in this section and their actions in this scene.							
	2. *In recounting this part of Israel's history, Psalm 105:16 tells us that God "summoned a famine on the land and br all supply of bread." What reasons could God have for bringing this famine?							

4.	. What do you learn about Joseph's character from this first encounter with his brothers?
5.	. What evidence do you see of God's faithfulness in these verses?
6.	. *How do you respond when you have an opportunity to confront someone who has hurt you or done wrong to you?
	As you consider the character of Joseph as seen in these verses and the character of God shown in Psalm 86:15 (in the rayer above), write below any changes you should make in how you respond to those who sin against you.
8.	. Close in prayer today with confession and commitment to changes needed in your life.
Î	Day Five  Pray: Open in prayer asking God to show you more about His character in your study today. Psalm 103:8-10 "Thord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he kee
Š	is anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities."  Memorige: Review Romans 8:26 - 28, 31. Say the words out loud without looking if possible or read through your ards to review each verse. Try to recite as much as you can without looking!
T	Etudy: Today we will finish our study of Genesis 37 with verses 18-38.
1.	*List the attitudes or emotions shown in these verses.
	a. Joseph:
	b. The brothers:

c. Jacob:
2. How does Joseph demonstrate grace to his brothers in these verses?
3. Why do you believe the brothers begin to feel guilty and convicted at this time?
4. *As you look back over the entire story so far, how do you see God working in the big picture?
5. In your own life has God ever used a current situation to bring conviction about a past sin? How have you responded
6. Record below any changes you feel led to make in your responses to God and others when you are convicted of sin.
7. Close in prayer with thankfulness, confession, and commitment to what God has shown you in His word this week.

# ALL THINGS FOR OOC WEEK FIVE

God is Redemptive Lessons in Repentance Genesis 43-45



## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS // WEEK FIVE

God is Faithful: Lessons in Grace - Genesis 41:37-42:38



- 1. What impacted you from last week's message?
- 2. In our reading today we can see God working in Joseph's life in many ways. Which of these stands out most to you?
- 3. What reasons might God have had for allowing the years of trial and waiting before elevating Joseph?
- 4. Based upon what you have learned from Joseph's example what are some practical steps you can during a time of testing and/or waiting?
- 5. Joseph gave Hebrew names to each of his sons (vv. 51-52). What does each name mean and why is each significant for Joseph?
  - a. Manasseh
  - b. Ephraim
- 6. How have you seen God's faithfulness in your life?
- 7. In recounting this part of Israel's history, Psalm 105:16 tells us that God "summoned a famine on the land and broke all supply of bread." What reasons could God have for bringing this famine?
- 8. How do you respond when you have an opportunity to confront someone who has hurt you or done wrong to you?
- 9. List the attitudes or emotions shown in these verses.
  - a. Joseph
  - b. The brothers
  - c. Jacob
- 10. As you look back over the entire story so far, how do you see God working in the big picture?
- 11. In small groups or as a large group, please close this time in prayer, telling the Lord one thing that you will apply to your life from this week's passage.

## LISTENING GUIDE / WEEK FIVE God is Redemptive: Lessons in Repentance - Genesis 43-45

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"God is not getting back at you; He's getting you back to Himself."

~ Bob Kelleman

## M Day One

**Pray:** Begin your study time today by meditating on 1 Corinthians 13:11. Ask the Lord to show you how you can aim for full restoration and peace in all your relationships, and thank Him for the love and peace that He provides.

"Finally, brothers, rejoice. Aim for restoration, comfort one another, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you." I Corinthians 13:11

*Memorize:* This week we will be memorizing Romans 8:32. Read the verse out loud a few times. Then rewrite the verse on a notecard and place the notecard where you can refer to it frequently throughout the day.

"He who did not spare his own Son but qave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?" Romans 8:32

**Study:** Today we will get a bird's eye view of our passage for the week. Read Genesis 43-45.

1. *Briefly summarize what happens in these chapters.
2. What's one thing that you can learn about God from this passage?
3. End by writing a prayer to the Lord. Thank the Lord for the way that He worked behind the scenes in Joseph's life save him and his family and restore them to each other. Thank the Lord for the way that he is working in your life bring about restoration and redemption as well.

### Day Two

**Pray:** Begin your study time by praying Hosea 6:1 to the Lord. Thank the Lord for the way that He uses pain and hardship to draw us into a loving relationship with Him. Picture Him, like a gentle yet precise surgeon, repairing the broken places in your heart.

"Come, let us return to the Lord; for he has torn us, that he may heal us; he has struck us down, and he will bind us up." Hosea 6:1

**Memorize:** Refer to your notecard. Repeat the first phrase of Romans 8:32 out loud a few times. Think about the meaning of this phrase and what it teaches you about God. Think about what this phrase teaches you about yourself. Now try to write the phrase from memory on the lines below.

**Study:** Today we will look closely at how God was working in the brothers' lives and in Israel's life to bring repentance and restoration through the circumstances that they faced.

#### 1. Read Genesis 43:1-5:

- a. Initially, it would appear that nothing good could come from a famine. How was the Lord using the famine to bring benefit to the sons of Israel?
- b. Think about a recent trial or hardship that you have faced. How might the Lord be using these circumstances for your good? How might He be using these circumstances to draw you into a deeper relationship with Himself?

#### 2. Read Genesis 43:6-7, 11-14:

- a. In verse 6, what was Israel's reaction to the news that his youngest son would have to go to Egypt if they wanted more food?
- b. What was Israel's final response after talking with Judah (vs 11-14)?
- c. \*Do you see yourself in any of Israel's responses to this difficulty? Do you tend to blame others when hardships come? Or do you try to control circumstances so that they go the direction you want them to? Or do you leave things in God's hands? Think about your natural tendencies and write down your observations.

3. 110	ow read Genesis 43:8-10:
	a. What is Judah's response to his father's concern for Benjamin?
	b. How has Judah changed over the course of events? (Hint: look back at Genesis 37:26, also skim through Genesis 38 to see some other events in Judah's past.)
	c. *How do you think God is desiring to change and shape you through your past and present trials?
that	ose by writing a prayer to the Lord. Commit to submitting to the Lord and trusting Him when you face circumstances don't make sense to you. Thank the Lord that when trials come, His desire is to mold and shape you into His image e expertly repairs the broken places in your heart.
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b. How have the brothers changed from the beginning of the story?
c. What can you learn from the change you have observed in the brothers? How could these observations be valuable to your own life?
2. Read Genesis 44:16:
a. What do you notice about Judah's plea for mercy in verse 16? What does he do and say? Remembering that the brothers are actually innocent in this case, what does he not do or say?
b. *How can you relate the brothers' plea for mercy to your relationship and response to the Lord? What can yo learn from them?
c. How might you change your own response to the Lord in regards to repentance before Him?
3. Read Genesis 44:30-34:
a. What do Judah's words to Joseph tell you about his character and motivations? What does all this reveal abou how God is working in Judah's heart?
b. *True repentance will always be accompanied by words as well as a change in actions. Does Judah's speech demonstrate true repentance? What can you learn about true repentance from what you observe in these verses.
4. Are there any areas in your own life where you have only spoken words of repentance before the Lord but have failed to take action? Are there any areas where you have been justifying sin and making excuses for your behavior? End you study time by writing a prayer to the Lord. Tell the Lord of any areas in your life where you have failed to fully rependence him. Ask him to give you a heart of true repentance.

### Day Four

**Pray:** Meditate on Ephesians 4:32 as you begin studying today. Think about the forgiveness that God has given you, and what that kind of forgiveness would look like in your relationships with others.

"Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you." Ephesians 4:32

Men	rorize:	Continue to review	Romans 8:32	by putting	the words in	the correct	order on	the lines	below:
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Romans 8:32:		

**Study:** Today we will take a closer look at how God worked in Joseph's heart as he brought restoration and redemption to him and his family.

- 1. Read Genesis 43:15-16, 24-34.
  - a. What would a "normal" human response to seeing people who mistreated you look like?
  - b. How was Joseph's response different?
  - c. What does this tell you about Joseph's character?
- 2. Think about how Joseph waited to reveal himself to his brothers.
  - a. Why do you think he waited to reveal himself to his brothers, even though it appears that forgiveness was in his heart?
  - b. What can you learn about forgiveness and trust from Joseph's example?
- 3. \*Think about the forgiveness that Joseph willingly offered his brothers when he revealed his identity to them.
  - $a.\ What was Joseph's \ response \ to \ seeing \ his \ brothers \ in \ Genesis \ 45:2? \ Why \ do \ you \ think \ he \ responds \ in \ this \ way?$
  - b. How does Joseph calm his brothers' fear in Genesis 45:4?

c. Look at Joseph's response to his brothers in Genesis 45:14-15. What does he do to each brother?
d. What more can you learn about forgiveness from Joseph's example?
4. In Genesis 45:5-8, Joseph reveals his perspective on why he was brought to Egypt.
a. Who really brought Joseph to Egypt? Why did He bring Joseph to Egypt?
b. What does Joseph tell his brothers that their response should be?
c. *How could having a perspective like Joseph, trusting and holding fast to God's sovereignty, help you in the midst of difficult circumstances?
5. Is there anyone in your own life that you need to forgive? How can Joseph's example of forgiveness influence you Write a prayer to the Lord now. Thank Him for Joseph's example of forgiveness. Ask Him to help you to forgive just a you have been forgiven.
Day Five

**Pray:** Begin your time today by praying 1 Peter 5:10 back to the Lord. Thank the Lord for the way He has worked to restore you to Himself. Ask Him to help you see His hand of redemption and strength at work around you.

"And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will Himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you." 1 Peter 5:10

*Memorize:* Write Romans 8:32 on the lines below. Then try to say Romans 8:26-28, 31-32 from memory.

**Study:** Today we will continue to look at how God worked in Joseph's life to bring redemption and restoration to his family.

1. Read Genesis 45:9-13:

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a. What does Joseph direct his brothers to do?

b. Why does he direct his brothers to do this?	
2. Read Genesis 45:16-20:	
a. What was Pharaoh's reaction to the news that Joseph's family had come to Egypt?	
b. How do you see God at work in the family of Israel through these circumstances?	
3. Read Genesis 45:21-24:	
a. List all that Joseph gave to his brothers, to Benjamin, and to his father.	
b. What do these gifts tell you about Joseph's character? What do they tell you about the way he had forgive his brothers?	ven
4. *How was God working to restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish Joseph and the family of Israel through th difficult circumstances (1 Peter 5:10)? Think about each person/persons in our story and write how you think God v bringing the blessings of restoration, strength, and establishment to each one through their difficulties.  a. Joseph:	
b. The brothers:	
c. Jacob/Israel:	
d. The family of Israel as a whole, as the chosen people of promise:	

5. *Think of a difficult circumstance that you have faced, either in the past or recently. How have you seen God at work to restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you? Write your thoughts on the lines.
6. *What have you learned about God through the chapters we have studied this week?
7. Close in prayer. Thank Him for the way that He is working to bring forgiveness, restoration, and healing into your life and relationships. Tell Him of your love for Him.

# ALL THINGS FOR OOC WEEK SIX

God is Purposeful Lessons in Perspective Genesis 46-47, 50:15-26



# DISCUSSION QUESTIONS // WEEK SIX

God is Redemptive: Lessons in Repentance - Genesis 43-45



- 1. Briefly summarize what happens in these chapters.
- 2. Do you see yourself in any of Israel's responses to this difficulty? Do you tend to blame others when hardships come? Or do you try to control circumstances so that they go the direction you want them to? Or do you leave things in God's hands? Think about your natural tendencies and discuss.
- 3. How do you think God is desiring to change and shape you through your past and present trials?
- 4. How can you relate the brothers' plea for mercy to your relationship and response to the Lord? What can you learn from them?
- 5. True repentance will always be accompanied by words as well as a change in actions. Does Judah's speech demonstrate true repentance? What can you learn about true repentance from what you observe in these verses?
- 6. Think about the forgiveness that Joseph willingly offered his brothers when he revealed his identity to them.
  - a. What was Joseph's response to seeing his brothers in Genesis 45:2? Why do you think he responds in this way?
  - b. How does Joseph calm his brothers' fear in Genesis 45:4?
  - c. Look at Joseph's response to his brothers in Genesis 45:14-15. What does he do to each brother?
  - d. What more can you learn about forgiveness from Joseph's example?
- 7. How could having a perspective like Joseph, trusting and holding fast to God's sovereignty, help you in the midst of difficult circumstances?
- 8. How was God working to restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish Joseph and the family of Israel through these difficult circumstances (1 Peter 5:10)? Think about each person/persons in our story and discuss how you think God was bringing the blessings of restoration, strength, and establishment to each one through their difficulties.
  - a. Joseph
  - b. The brothers
  - c. Jacob/Israel
  - d. The family of Israel as a whole, as the chosen people of promise
- 9. Think of a difficult circumstance that you have faced, either in the past or recently. How have you seen God at work to restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you?
- 10. What have you learned about God through the chapters we have studied this week?

# LISTENING GUIDE // WEEK SIX God is Purposeful: Lessons in Perspective - Genesis 46-47, 50:15-26

1. God is purposeful:	that He sees the big	even when you don't. (46:1-30)
2. God is purposeful: Trust His hand	d ofin your life	e even in the (46:31-47:26)

3. God is purposeful: the	1: /45	that what ot	hers mean for	evil He means	s for good, a	nd let this
tne	way you live. (47:	27-31, 50:15-26)				



"God allows things He hates to accomplish what He loves."

~ Joni Eareckson Tada

#### Day One

<i>Pray:</i> 2 Thessalonians 3:3 says, "But the Lord is faithful. He will establish you and guard you against the evil one." Please open this time in prayer asking the Lord to show you His faithfulness in how He is establishing you and protecting you, and to enlighten your heart with His word.
<b>Memorize:</b> This week we will review the scriptures we've memorized through this study, Romans 8:26-28, 31-32. Please write the verse that tells us that God graciously gives us all things:
<b>Study:</b> Today we'll read an overview of the passage that we'll study this week. Please read Genesis 46-47, 50:15-26 and answer the following questions.
1. What do you think God is seeking to accomplish in this passage?
2. What is one thing from this passage that impacts your life?
3. Please close this time in prayer, telling the Lord what you hope to understand better as you study this week.

## Day Two

**Pray:** Psalm 42:11 says, "Why are you downcast, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise Him, my salvation and my God." As you open this time in prayer, please ask the Lord to show you a genuine perspective of Him as your salvation and your God even in the midst of difficult circumstances.

Memorige: Please fill in the blanks:
Romans 8:26-28 Likewise the helps us in our For we do not know what to for as u, but the Spirit himself for us with groanings too for words. <sup>27</sup> And he who hearts knows what is the of the Spirit, because the intercedes for the according to the of God. <sup>28</sup> And we know that for who love God things work together for, for those who are according to purpose.
<b>Study:</b> Please read Genesis 46:1-27 and answer the following questions.
1. Please read Genesis 21:28-33 and Genesis 26:23-25. For what reason might Israel (Jacob) have stopped in Beersheba o his way to Egypt?
2. Based on what God said to Jacob in vs. 2-3, what do you think might have been running through Jacob's mind as h started this journey?
3. What do you need to believe about God in order to be encouraged by His promise in vs. 2-3?
4. After God spoke to Israel, he set out from Beersheba to Egypt. How might his attitude have been different from whe he stopped in Beersheba?
5. Please read God's promise to Abraham in Genesis 15:5-6. How does this promise impact your understanding from Genesis 46:8-27?

	6. How does God use the journey to Egypt during this famine to keep His promise that He had made to Abraham abou 200 years earlier?  7. What hope does this fulfilled promise give you in your own life?			
	8. Please close this time in prayer, telling the Lord any area of your life that you need to trust His promises.			
	Day Three  Pray: Romans 15:4 says, "For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that througendurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope." As you open this time in prayer please ask the Lord to show you the hope you have from the encouragement of His word, and ask Him to show you how He gave Joseph strength to endure and how He'll give you strength to endure.  Memorize: Please quote Romans 8:26-28, 31-32, and write out the verse that tells you that those who love God at destined to be conformed to be like Jesus.			
	Study: Please read Genesis 46:28-47:12 and answer the following questions.  1. Based on this passage, why do you think Joseph met his father in Goshen?			
	2. Imagine you were Joseph in this story. What would it have been like for you to see your dad after all these years?			

4. Genesis 30:31-32 points to what Jacobs Job was. How does this support what Joseph encou to Pharaoh?	rageu ins brothers to say
5. How does Genesis 46:34 point to the sovereignty of God?	
6. Why do you think Joseph didn't want his family to live too close to Pharaoh?	
7. Thinking back on what you know about Jacob's life, what do you think he meant when he said the days of the years of my life" to Pharaoh?	l, "Few and evil have been
8. From Genesis 47:11-12, how do you see God's continued faithfulness to His promise to Abra	ham in this passage?
9. Please close this time in prayer, telling the Lord what you've learned about Him and His fair	thfulness.
Day Four  Pray: Psalm 119:49-50 says, "Remember Your word to Your servant, in which You have m comfort in my affliction, that Your promise gives me life." As you open this time in prayer, pl you to experience the comfort of His promises in your affliction as He did for Joseph.	
Memorize: Please quote Romans 8:26-28, 31-32 out loud, and write out the verse that remind	ls you that God is for you.

<b>Study:</b> Please read Genesis 47:13-26 and answer the following questions.	
1. Remember back to the dream that Pharaoh had in Genesis 41. How do you see God's hand of protection through this passage?	
2. What does this passage imply how about how the Egyptians heeded the warning from Pharaoh's dream?	
3. Please compare Genesis 47:13-26 with Matthew 5:43-45. How did God sovereignly provide for these Egyptians who didn't believe in Him?	
4. In Genesis 47:23-24, how did Joseph provide for the Egyptians when they had nothing left?	
5. How do you think the years of Joseph's captivity affected the way he dealt with the Egyptians?	
6. What does Genesis 47:25 imply about the Egyptians' view of God?	
7. If you were living this story, what would your response to God be in the midst of the struggle?	
8. What has your response been to God in the midst of your current struggles?	

9. Please close this time in prayer, telling the Lord what you've learned about His warning, provision, and faithfulness And tell Him one thing you'll do differently in your time of famine.
Day Five
<b>Pray:</b> Psalm 130:7 says, "O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with Him is plentiful redemption." As you open this time in prayer, please ask the Lord to give you a perspective of His steadfast love and redemption through Joseph's story.
Memorize: Review Romans 8:26-28, 31-32: Please recite Romans 8:26-28, 31-32 to a friend or family member. Please check here when you've recited it What perspective have you gained from knowing these verses better?
Study: Please read Genesis 47:27-31, 50:15-26 and answer the following questions.
Genesis 47:27-31:
1. Think back on God's promise to Israel in Genesis 46:3-4 in light of Genesis 47:27-31. What perspective does this give you about the Lord?
2. Think back on Israel's words to Joseph in Genesis 46:30, and his words to Pharaoh in Genesis 47:9.
a. How would you relate his words to Proverbs 18:14?
b. After 17 years of being with Joseph in Egypt, how might his perspective have changed?
Genesis 50:15-26:
3. What evidence do you see in this passage that shows that the brothers made up the message from Israel to Joseph?

4. Why do you think Joseph wept when his brothers made up this story?
5. Have you ever struggled to trust someone even when they give no sign of being untrustworthy? If so, why do you think that is?
6. How does Joseph's answer to his brothers show that he truly forgave them?
7. What does Joseph's answer show that He believes about God?
8. Why do you think it might be hard to trust God in the midst of the unknown?
9. What are some steps you can take to help you trust God when you don't understand what He's doing?
10. If you'd like to do "extra credit," please go on to the next section. Otherwise, please close this time in prayer telling the Lord how your perspective has changed through this study, and what you will do to pursue a deeper relationship with Him as you move on from this study.

## V Extra Credit

For each week, please share how each verse shows you that God works All Things for Good:	
Week 1: Genesis 37:4	
Week 2: Genesis 39:2	
Week 3: Genesis 39:21	
Week 4: Genesis 42:18	
Week 5: Genesis 45:4-5	
Week 6: Genesis 50:19	

Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think...to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen. ~ Ephesians 3:20-21