

## SCRIPTURE

*Take time to read and meditate upon the assigned portion of Scripture for the day.*

- Take your time to prayerfully read and meditate upon the Scripture passage for the day.

## OBSERVATION

*What are some insights and reflections from the passage?*

- Write down significant insights and reflections from the passage you have read.

## APPLICATION

*What is one specific and practical way you can apply God's word in your life?*

- Write down a specific and practical way that you can apply God's word to your daily life.
- This could include a promise to trust, an example to follow or avoid, an action or attitude to change, a command to obey, a sin to confess and repent of, or a truth to believe.

## PRAYER

*Respond to God in prayer.*

- Respond to God in prayer based on the insights you have gained from your Bible reading / meditation.
- Prayer pointers: Give thanks to God for His goodness; Pray for your church; Pray for those in need; Pray for your family; Pray for yourself.

## QUESTIONS FOR DEEPER REFLECTION

These additional questions (optional!) are designed to help you reflect deeper upon the passage of Scripture. They seek to target at least one of the following three areas:

- ✓ Head – i.e., our understanding
- ✓ Heart – i.e., our convictions
- ✓ Hand – i.e., our actions



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**S.O.A.P  
Guide**

**Genesis  
Daily  
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## SCRIPTURE

*Take time to meditate on the scriptures for the day.*

## OBSERVATION

*What are some insights and reflections from the passage?*

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### Genesis 1:1-23

#### About Genesis 1

Genesis 1 provides us with a historical account of the beginning of creation. It depicts God as the Creator of everyone and everything. God spoke all things into existence by his powerful word. All that God created was good. Indeed, it was very good!

## APPLICATION

*What is one specific and practical way you can apply God's word in your life?*

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## PRAYER

*Respond to God in prayer.*



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# DAY 1

## Genesis Daily Devotional Journal

### Questions for Deeper Reflection:

1. What is the significance of the Bible beginning the way it does – i.e., “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth” (v.1)? What does it have to say about evolutionary theories, etc.? About how most people live around us today?
2. What does the creation account reveal about God (e.g., his attributes, character, etc.)? Take a moment to praise God for these attributes.
3. What are some implications of the fact that God is the creator of everyone and everything? How should you live your life in light of this truth?

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**Genesis 1:24–2:3**

## OBSERVATION

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## APPLICATION

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**DAY 2**

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### Questions for Deeper Reflection:

1. What does it mean that God created man “in his own image”?
2. What does God’s creation of mankind “in his own image” imply about humanity? What does it imply about how we should relate to and treat other human beings?
3. How should being created in God’s image shape our understanding of humanity in controversial topics such as human rights, euthanasia, abortion, cloning, etc.?

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### Genesis 2:4-25

#### About Genesis 2

While Genesis 1 provides us with a wide-angled lens of creation, Genesis 2 provides us with a narrow-angled lens of creation – with a particular focus on God’s creation of man (i.e., Adam). It also includes a description of the garden, God’s instructions to Adam, and God’s creation of a woman (i.e., Eve) to be Adam’s helper.

## OBSERVATION

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## APPLICATION

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DAY 3

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### Questions for Deeper Reflection:

1. In what way(s) do you see the love and goodness of God displayed in this chapter? Make a list of these and take a moment to thank God for his love and goodness.
2. What is the significance of God forming man out of the dust and breathing the breath of life into his nostrils (v.7)? What are the implications of this for your life?
3. If married, what are some things you can do to help your spouse to grow in their love for, devotion to, and service unto God? If unmarried, what are some things you can do to help other believers to grow in their love for, devotion to, and service unto God?

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## OBSERVATION

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### Genesis 3:1-7

#### About Genesis 3

Genesis 3 is a sad chapter that recounts how God's good creation was ruined. In it, we read about the serpent's temptation of Adam and Eve, the fall of Adam and Eve into sin, and their resultant exile from the Garden of Eden because of sin.

## APPLICATION

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## PRAYER

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# DAY 4

## Genesis Daily Devotional Journal

### Questions for Deeper Reflection:

1. What was the serpent's strategy in tempting Eve to disobey God? In what way(s) do you see the enemy's similar strategy at work in your moments of temptation?
2. The woman saw that what the serpent offered was "good", "delightful", and "desirable" (v.6) – and succumbed to the temptation. In what way(s) do temptations work in the same way today?
3. How can you be alert and fight against the schemes of Satan that seek to tempt you to disobey God? [\*Hint: See Psalm 119:9-11; Eph 6:10-20; 1 Pet 5:8.]

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**Genesis 3:8-24**

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**DAY 5**

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### Questions for Deeper Reflection:

1. What are the immediate effects and consequences of the sin of Adam and Eve? What does this teach you about God in relation to sin? How does sin similarly impact our lives?
2. What are some signs of grace that you can observe in an otherwise dark and gloomy chapter? What does this teach you about God?
3. What is the significance of Genesis 3:15 especially in light of the fall of man and the framework of the larger biblical narrative? What does it cause the reader to expect? Where do we see its ultimate fulfillment?

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## OBSERVATION

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### Genesis 4:1-16

#### About Genesis 4

Genesis 4 records for us the first birth (i.e., Cain) as well as the first death (i.e., Abel). After being exiled from the Garden, Adam and Eve had two sons (i.e., Cain and Abel). As a picture of sin that is inherent in all humanity since the Fall, Cain murdered Abel and was justly judged by God. After Abel's death, Adam and Eve was given another son (i.e., Seth). This chapter also details the line of Cain.

## APPLICATION

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# DAY 6

## Genesis Daily Devotional Journal

### Questions for Deeper Reflection:

1. Why was Cain's offering rejected but Abel's accepted (v.5)? How does the immediate context (vv.1-7) and passages such as 2 Samuel 24:24 and Hebrews 11:4 shed light on the issue? What can we learn from this?
2. God spoke to Cain but Cain refused to heed God's counsel (vv.6-7). What lesson(s) can we learn from observing Cain's descent into sin (vv.6-8)? How should we respond to God's guidance in our lives?
3. What does God's judgment of Cain (vv.10-12) and response to Cain's complaint (vv.13-15) teach you about the character of God? Why is this something we can praise God for?

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**Genesis 4:17-26**

## OBSERVATION

*What are some insights and reflections from the passage?*

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## APPLICATION

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**DAY 7**

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### Questions for Deeper Reflection:

1. What are some signs of moral decay that you observe in the descendants of Cain? What are some signs of moral decay that you observe in the world today? What hope do we have in the face of widespread human sin and depravity?
2. In what way(s) does God's gift of a son (i.e., Seth) to Adam and Eve (see v.25) relate to God's promise in Genesis 3:15? What is the significance of this? What does it teach you about God?
3. What is the significance of the statement "At that time people began to call on the name of the LORD" (v.26b) at this point in the narrative? What vibes does it give to the reader?

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## OBSERVATION

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## Genesis 5:1-32

### About Genesis 5

Genesis 5 describes the continuation of the human race by detailing the genealogy of Adam through Seth to Noah. More specifically, this chapter traces the line of Seth as a counterpart to the line of Cain (4:17-24). It thus contributes to the motif of conflict between the seed of the serpent and the seed of the woman as anticipated in Genesis 3:15. In this chapter, we also see glimpses of the effects of sin as well as evidences of God's grace in human history.

### APPLICATION

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# DAY 8

## Genesis Daily Devotional Journal

### Questions for Deeper Reflection:

1. As believers, we are meant to reflect or image the character of God in the world (vv.1-2; cf. Gen 1:26-28). What are some things that needs to change in your life so you can better fulfil your purpose of imaging God?
2. What is the significance of the refrain "then he died" that we see throughout this chapter? What can we learn from this? [Hint: See Genesis 2:17.]
3. What is different about the Enoch account (vv.21-24) as compared to what we read in the rest of the chapter? Why is this significant in light of a chapter that is replete with the phrase "then he died"?

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## OBSERVATION

*What are some insights and reflections from the passage?*

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### Genesis 6:1-8

#### About Genesis 6

Genesis 6 describes both the multiplication of humanity and the spread of sin (both intensively and extensively) throughout the face of the earth. Because of the widespread nature of sin and its intensification, God decides to judge the earth with a flood. But even in the face of divine judgment, there nonetheless remains a glimpse of hope – i.e., God's grace shown to Noah.

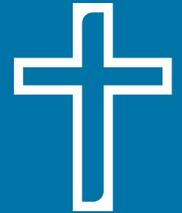
## APPLICATION

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## PRAYER

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# DAY 9

## Genesis Daily Devotional Journal

### Questions for Deeper Reflection:

1. What does verse 5 teach you about the character and nature of humankind? What does it reveal about the fundamental human problem? What does it remind you about the only solution to the human predicament?
2. Verse 6 notes that God was “deeply grieved” because of the pervasiveness of sin. Have you ever thought of God having emotions? How do you think God feels when we sin? How should this affect the way you live?
3. What is the significance of verse 8 in light of the darkness of human sin and the impending judgment of God (vv.1-7)? What does it teach you about God and his purposes for the world (cf. Gen 3:15)?

## SCRIPTURE

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**Genesis 6:9-22**

## OBSERVATION

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## APPLICATION

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**DAY 10**

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### Questions for Deeper Reflection:

1. How does God's covenant with Noah (v.18) relate to God's promise in Gen 3:15? What does it reveal about God and his purposes?
2. The flood is, in some respects, a pointer the final judgment to come (cf. Matt 24; 2 Pet 3:5-7). Why do believers not need to fear the coming judgment? How can you encourage other believers with this truth?
3. How is this story of Noah being "saved by grace" related to the bigger picture of God's redemptive plan? In what way(s) is it a pointer to the salvation that Jesus brings? What response does this evoke in you?

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## OBSERVATION

*What are some insights and reflections from the passage?*

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### Genesis 7:1-10

#### About Genesis 7

Genesis 7 records Noah's obedience to the word of the Lord and the fulfilment of God's promised destruction of the earth by the flood. The flood completely wiped out every living thing that was on the face of the earth – with the exception of Noah and those that were with him in the ark.

## APPLICATION

*What is one specific and practical way you can apply God's word in your life?*

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# DAY 11

## Genesis Daily Devotional Journal

### Questions for Deeper Reflection:

1. What is the relationship between God's word in verse 4 and what happened in verse 10? What does it teach you about God's word and promise? What are some practical implications of this for your life?
2. How was Noah's faith in God expressed in this passage? What can you learn from this?
3. There is clearly an indissoluble link between faith and obedience / unbelief and disobedience. Reflect upon your life for a moment: Is your life marked more by obedience or disobedience to God? What are some reasons for your disobedience? What do you intend to do about it?

## SCRIPTURE

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**Genesis 7:11-24**

## OBSERVATION

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## APPLICATION

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**DAY 12**

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### Questions for Deeper Reflection:

1. How thorough was the destruction caused by the flood? What does this teach you about God? About sin? What can you learn from this?
2. In what way(s) is God's judgment of the flood a good thing? Conversely, why would God not judging the world be a bad thing?
3. As mentioned before, the flood is a pointer to the final judgment to come (cf. Matt 24; 2 Pet 3:5-7). What does it reveal about the terrible fate that awaits those who are not in Christ? What should the reality of a coming judgment motivate you to do? What do you intend to do about it?

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## OBSERVATION

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### Genesis 8:1-14

#### About Genesis 8

Having meted out his judgment by purging the world of the ungodly, God graciously remembered his covenant with Noah. God caused the floodwaters to subside and made a promise to never again curse the ground.

## APPLICATION

*What is one specific and practical way you can apply God's word in your life?*

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## PRAYER

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# DAY 13

## Genesis Daily Devotional Journal

### Questions for Deeper Reflection:

1. What did God “remember” about Noah and the others in the ark that caused him to bring an end to the flood (v.1)? What does this reveal about God? How does God “remember” believers today? [Hint: See Genesis 6:17-18.]
2. What can you learn from Noah’s patience in waiting for the flood to subside and for God’s instruction to come out of the ark? How can you apply this in your life?
3. What are some things you can learn about God (e.g., his character, attributes, etc.) from this passage of Scripture? Take a moment to praise God for these attributes.

## SCRIPTURE

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**Genesis 8:15-22**

## OBSERVATION

*What are some insights and reflections from the passage?*

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## APPLICATION

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**DAY 14**

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### Questions for Deeper Reflection:

1. What the first recorded act of Noah after coming out of the ark? Why do you think Noah did what he did? What was God's response? What can you learn from this?
2. What does God's assessment in verses 21 reveal about the nature of humanity even after the flood? In what way(s) is the evil inclination of the human heart evident in the world today? What does it remind you of the fundamental human problem and the only solution to the human predicament?
3. What is significant about God's promise in verses 21-22? How does it relate to God's redemptive plan?

## REFLECTION

*What are the top three key things that God said to me in the past two weeks in light of what has happened?*

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## RESPOND

*What are the things I need to do in light of what God is saying?*

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## PRAYER

*Respond to God in prayer.*

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**DAY 15**

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## SCRIPTURE

*Take time to meditate on the scriptures for the day.*

## OBSERVATION

*What are some insights and reflections from the passage?*

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### Genesis 9:1-17

#### About Genesis 9

Having caused the floodwaters to subside and having accepted Noah's offering, God, in Genesis 9, blessed Noah and made a covenant with Noah as he had promised (cf. Gen 6:18). The chapter then records Noah's drunkenness, the subsequent curse of Canaan and corresponding blessing of Shem, and concludes with a statement of Noah's death.

## APPLICATION

*What is one specific and practical way you can apply God's word in your life?*

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## PRAYER

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# DAY 16

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### Questions for Deeper Reflection:

1. Note the parallels between Genesis 9:1-3, 7 and Genesis 1:28-30. What is the significance of these parallels? What does it teach you about God / about what God is doing?
2. What is the significance of God's words in verses 5-6? What does it remind you about how we should view human life? In what way(s) is human life being devalued or diminished in today's culture and what can you do about it?
3. In what way(s) is God's covenant with Noah relevant to believers today? What was the sign of this covenant? How does it deepen your appreciation of God, strengthen your faith, and encourage your hope for the future?

## SCRIPTURE

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**Genesis 9:18-29**

## OBSERVATION

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## APPLICATION

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**DAY 17**

**Genesis  
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### Questions for Deeper Reflection:

1. From what you have read, do you think human nature has changed for the better since the flood? Why or why not? What can you learn about humanity from this? [**\*Hint:** See Gen 9:20-23; cf. 8:21; Psalm 14:1-3; Rom 3:10-18.]
2. Human nature is clearly no better after the flood [e.g., the drunkenness of Noah (v.20-21) and the sin of Ham (v.22)]. In fact, this problem continues down through the pages of Scripture. What is the only solution to the deepest problem of humanity? [**\*Hint:** See Gen 3:15; Isa 53:4-6; Rom 5:17-19.]
3. What lesson(s) can you learn from Noah's taking what was good (i.e., grapes) and misusing / abusing it (i.e., drunkenness)? What are some blessings of God that you have likewise misused / abused?

## SCRIPTURE

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### Genesis 10:1-32

#### About Genesis 10

Genesis 10 provides us with an explanation of the origin of the nations. It records how Noah's family, in fulfilment of God's command for them to be fruitful and multiply, increased and spread out after the catastrophic event of the flood. More broadly, this chapter contains a record of the descendants of Japheth (vv.1-5), Ham (vv.6-20), and Shem (vv.21-31).

## OBSERVATION

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## APPLICATION

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## PRAYER

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# DAY 18

## Genesis Daily Devotional Journal

### Questions for Deeper Reflection:

1. What do you think is the author's purpose in recording these genealogies? What is he seeking to do?
2. In what way(s) can Genesis 10 be seen as a gradual fulfilment of the divine mandate to "be fruitful and multiply" (cf. Gen 1:28; 9:1, 7)? What is the significance of this?
3. A close look at Genesis 10 (which explains the origin of the nations) reveals just how integrally tied and related all of humanity is to one another. How do you view people or groups of people who may seem markedly different from yourself? Is there any hint of discrimination that you need to repent of?

## SCRIPTURE

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## OBSERVATION

*What are some insights and reflections from the passage?*

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### Genesis 11:1-9

#### About Genesis 11

The events recorded in Genesis 11, although coming after Genesis 10, actually chronologically precedes Genesis 10. In other words, Genesis 11, which records the story of the Tower of Babylon, provides an explanation of the dispersion of the nations that we see in Genesis 10. More specifically, Genesis 11 records for us the rebellion of humanity in attempting to build their own kingdom rather than God's kingdom that led to God thwarting their plans and dispersing them. The chapter then concludes with another genealogy of Shem – ending with the introduction of Terah and his son, Abram.

#### APPLICATION

*What is one specific and practical way you can apply God's word in your life?*

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#### PRAYER

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# DAY 19

## Genesis Daily Devotional Journal

#### Questions for Deeper Reflection:

1. What were the people seeking to accomplish in building “a city and a tower with its top in the sky” (v.4)? What is strikingly absent in their endeavour? What are you seeking to accomplish in life? Are these endeavours done to make a name for yourself or for God? What (if anything) needs to change?
2. In what way(s) is God's response to the people's desire to build a tower similar to his response to Adam and Eve in Gen 3:22-24? Do you think this is an act of judgment or an act of grace? Or both? Why?
3. What is the significance of Babylon as unfolded in the rest of Scripture? What is its ultimate end?

## SCRIPTURE

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**Genesis 11:10-26**

## OBSERVATION

*What are some insights and reflections from the passage?*

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## APPLICATION

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**DAY 20**

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### Questions for Deeper Reflection:

1. What is the difference do you observe between the two genealogies of Shem (Gen 11:10-26; cf. 10:21-31)? What is its significance in light of God's grand plan of redemption? [*\*Hint:* See Gen 3:15.]
2. What do you think is the author's purpose in sandwiching the account of the Tower of Babel (Gen 11:1-9) between the two genealogies of Shem (Gen 10:21-31; 11:10-26)? What is he seeking to do?
3. What is strikingly omitted from the genealogical record in Genesis 11 as compared to Genesis 5? What is the significance of this omission?

## SCRIPTURE

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## OBSERVATION

*What are some insights and reflections from the passage?*

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### Genesis 11:27–12:9

#### About Genesis 12

Genesis 12 is, in many ways, a pivotal chapter in the book of Genesis – and, perhaps, even the entire Bible! Here, we see God’s gracious choice and call of Abram. God promises to bless Abraham by making him into a great nation and by giving his descendants a land. More importantly, it is through Abram that God plans to bless all the peoples on earth.

## APPLICATION

*What is one specific and practical way you can apply God's word in your life?*

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### Questions for Deeper Reflection:

1. What relationship is there between God’s promise to Abram in Genesis 12:1-3 and God’s curses in Genesis 3:14-19? What does this reveal about God’s plan and purposes that he intends to accomplish through Abram?
2. What can you learn about the character of Abram from his actions in this passage? What inspires you about Abram? [\*Hint: See Heb 11:8-10.]
3. In what way(s) is Abraham’s pilgrimage a paradigm for the believer’s pilgrimage? What are some practical implications of living life as a pilgrim? How can you apply this in your life?

## SCRIPTURE

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**Genesis 12:10-20**

## OBSERVATION

*What are some insights and reflections from the passage?*

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## APPLICATION

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### Questions for Deeper Reflection:

1. Abram experienced famine in the land not long after he had received God's glorious call and promises. What lesson(s) can you learn from this that will help you avoid erroneous views of God's call and promises?
2. What do the actions of Abram (vv.10-16) reveal about him especially in light of the glorious promises of God (cf. Gen 12:1-3)? In what way(s) have you been like Abram?
3. Why do you think Yahweh struck Pharaoh and his household plagues because of Sarai? What does this reveal about the plans and purposes of God?

## SCRIPTURE

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### Genesis 13:1-18

#### About Genesis 13

Genesis 13 records Abram's journey to Bethel and the subsequent conflict between Lot's herdsmen and Abram's herdsmen. Abram graciously offered Lot the choice of the land and parted ways. Lot chose the well-watered plains of Jordan while Abram dwelt in Canaan, where God reiterated his promise of land and offspring to Abram.

## OBSERVATION

What are some insights and reflections from the passage?

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## APPLICATION

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## PRAYER

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# DAY 23

## Genesis Daily Devotional Journal

### Questions for Deeper Reflection:

1. What lesson(s) can you learn from the way both Abram and Lot settled the strife between their herdsmen? What do you think is necessary for conflicts to be resolved? How does the example of Jesus help in this regard (Phil 2:4-8)?
2. On what basis did Lot make his decision (vv.10-12)? What did he overlook? In what way(s) are we like / have we been like Lot in our decision-making? What can we learn from this? [Hint: See 1 John 2:15-17.]
3. What is the significance of God's words to Abram after Lot had chosen the entire plain of the Jordan and parted company from Abram (see vv.14-17; cf. Gen 12:1-3, 7)? What further details are there in God's promise to Abram in these verses?

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## OBSERVATION

*What are some insights and reflections from the passage?*

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### Genesis 14:1-16

#### About Genesis 14

Genesis 14 continues the narrative by detailing the war that broke out among the kings at the Siddim Valley (i.e., the kings of Sodom, Gomorrah, Admah, Zebiiim, and Bela vs. the kings of Elam, Goiim, Shinar, and Ellasar). The latter defeated the former and took the spoils of Sodom and Gomorrah (including Lot). It also records Abraham's rescuing of Lot by defeating the four kings, Abraham's being blessed by Melchizedek, and Abraham's refusal to take any reward from the king of Sodom.

## APPLICATION

*What is one specific and practical way you can apply God's word in your life?*

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## PRAYER

*Respond to God in prayer.*



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DAY 24

Genesis  
Daily  
Devotional  
Journal

#### Questions for Deeper Reflection:

1. Why do you think Abram went to rescue Lot? What does it reveal about Abram? What can you learn from this?
2. In what way(s) does Abram's defeat of the four kings and rescue of Lot relate to God's promise in Genesis 12:1-3? What is the significance of this?
3. Abram clearly loved and cared about his nephew Lot enough that he went out of his way to rescue him. In what way(s) do you practically express your love and care for those around you? What are some practical things you can do this week to show your love and concern for those around you?

## SCRIPTURE

*Take time to meditate on the scriptures for the day.*

**Genesis 14:17-24**

## OBSERVATION

*What are some insights and reflections from the passage?*

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## APPLICATION

*What is one specific and practical way you can apply God's word in your life?*

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## PRAYER

*Respond to God in prayer.*



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**DAY 25**

**Genesis  
Daily  
Devotional  
Journal**

### Questions for Deeper Reflection:

1. What is the significance of Melchizedek's blessing of Abram (vv.19-20)? What does it teach Abram about God and his recent victory? What can you learn from this?
2. What is the difference between Abram's response to Melchizedek and his response to the king of Sodom? Why did he respond this way? What does it reveal about Abram? What can you learn from this?
3. In what practical way(s) do you exhibit a deep-seated and unwavering trust in God? Why is it possible for you to do so?

## SCRIPTURE

*Take time to meditate on the scriptures for the day.*

## OBSERVATION

*What are some insights and reflections from the passage?*

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### Genesis 15:1-6

#### About Genesis 15

Genesis 15 is yet another significant chapter (alongside Gen 12!) in the book of Genesis. In this chapter, God reiterates to Abram his earlier two promises of (1) numerous descendants (vv.1-6) and (2) possession of the land (vv.7-21) (cf. Gen 12:1-3; 13:14-17). Abraham believes God and receives righteousness through faith (v.6) and God confirms the promises by means of a solemn covenant ceremony (vv.9-21).

## APPLICATION

*What is one specific and practical way you can apply God's word in your life?*

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## PRAYER

*Respond to God in prayer.*



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# DAY 26

## Genesis Daily Devotional Journal

### Questions for Deeper Reflection:

1. What is the relationship between God's words to Abram in verse 1 and Abram's response to the king of Sodom (Gen 14:21-24)? What lesson(s) can you learn from this? In what are you placing your ultimate trust?
2. What do you think it looks like to live as though God is our shield and reward (v.1; cf. Psalm 16:11; 73:25-26; 84:11)? How can you express this truth by the way you live?
3. What is the significance of Abram's response of faith and trust in God and its results (v.6)? What does this remind you of as a believer? [Hint: See Rom 4:1-7, 22-25; Gal 3:1-9.]

## SCRIPTURE

*Take time to meditate on the scriptures for the day.*

### Genesis 15:7-21

## OBSERVATION

*What are some insights and reflections from the passage?*

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## APPLICATION

*What is one specific and practical way you can apply God's word in your life?*

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## PRAYER

*Respond to God in prayer.*



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DAY 27

Genesis  
Daily  
Devotional  
Journal

### Questions for Deeper Reflection:

1. What is the significance of the manner on which God sealed the covenant that he made with Abram (see esp. v.17)? What does this teach you about God? About the Abrahamic covenant?
2. What does the fact that Abram's descendants will be "resident aliens for four hundred years in a land that does not belong to them" (v.13) imply about God's promise of land? Are there things in your life that you may be waiting on God for? What attitude(s) should we have while waiting on God?
3. In what way(s) does Genesis 15 advance / clarify / elaborate on God's promises (cf. Gen 12:1-3, 7; 13:14-17)? What does this teach us about God? Why should this encourage you in your walk with God?

## SCRIPTURE

*Take time to meditate on the scriptures for the day.*

### Genesis 16:1-16

#### About Genesis 16

In spite of God's promise to Abram of numerous descendants, Sarai was nonetheless still barren. Unable to see how Abram could father a nation with her being barren, Sarai took matters into her own hands and asked Abram to sleep with her servant Hagar in hope that Hagar will bear a son on her behalf. This led to the birth of Ishmael.

## OBSERVATION

*What are some insights and reflections from the passage?*

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## APPLICATION

*What is one specific and practical way you can apply God's word in your life?*

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## PRAYER

*Respond to God in prayer.*



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# DAY 28

## Genesis Daily Devotional Journal

### Questions for Deeper Reflection:

1. What do the actions of Abram and Sarai reveal about them in relation to God's promise? What was the result? What should you do when the God's promises seem painstakingly slow in coming to pass? What could God be teaching you in this waiting process?
2. What does God's treatment of Hagar (vv.7-12) reveal about God? About his heart for the oppressed? How does this challenge / encourage you?
3. In this chapter, we learn that the name "Ishmael" means "God hears" (v.11) and "El-roi" means "God sees" (v.13). How do these truths about God affect the way you live (e.g., bring comfort and/or conviction to your life)?

## REFLECTION

*What are the top three key things that God said to me in the past two weeks in light of what has happened?*

(Type here)

## RESPOND

*What are the things I need to do in light of what God is saying?*

(Type here)

## PRAYER

*Respond to God in prayer.*

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**DAY 29**

**Genesis  
Daily  
Devotional  
Journal**

## SCRIPTURE

Take time to meditate on the scriptures for the day.

## OBSERVATION

What are some insights and reflections from the passage?

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### Genesis 17:1-14

#### About Genesis 17

When Abram was 99 years old, God appeared to him and confirmed the covenant with Abram. God changed Abram's name to Abraham, reiterated his promise to give Abraham's descendants the land, and commanded Abraham to circumcise every male child in his house. God also changed Sarai's name to Sarah and promised that she will bear Abraham a son (i.e., Isaac). Importantly, while God will bless Ishmael, God's covenant will be with Isaac.

## APPLICATION

What is one specific and practical way you can apply God's word in your life?

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## PRAYER

Respond to God in prayer.



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# DAY 30

## Genesis Daily Devotional Journal

### Questions for Deeper Reflection:

1. What does God mean when he commanded Abram to “walk before [him], and be blameless” (v.1)? How can you, as a believer, practically walk “blamelessly” before God in Christ? [*\*Hint:* See Eph 4:1, 17; 5:1, 2, 8, 15; 1 John 1:9.]
2. What is the significance of the phrase “to be your God and the God of your offspring after you” (v.7) in the overall flow of the biblical narrative? How does it apply to you as a new covenant believer? How does this commitment of God encourage you as a believer? [*\*Hint:* See 2 Cor 6:16; Heb 8:10.]
3. What is the significance of the covenant sign of circumcision? How does this relate to believers in the new covenant? [*\*Hint:* See Rom 2:28-29; Gal 5:1-6; 6:15; Col 2:11-15.]

## SCRIPTURE

*Take time to meditate on the scriptures for the day.*

**Genesis 17:15-27**

## OBSERVATION

*What are some insights and reflections from the passage?*

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## APPLICATION

*What is one specific and practical way you can apply God's word in your life?*

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## PRAYER

*Respond to God in prayer.*



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**DAY 31**

**Genesis  
Daily  
Devotional  
Journal**

### Questions for Deeper Reflection:

1. Why did Abraham laugh when God promised that he will have a son by Sarah (vv.15-18)? Was this a laughter borne out of incredulity or joy? What does this reveal about God and how his promise will be fulfilled?
2. What is the significance of God's words to Abram in verses 19-21? What does it reveal about the destinies of Abram's two sons (i.e., Isaac and Ishmael) in relation to the covenant even though both were circumcised?
3. How did Abraham demonstrate his trust in God and God's promises? What can you learn from this? [\*Hint: See James 2:14-26.]

## SCRIPTURE

*Take time to meditate on the scriptures for the day.*

### Genesis 18:1-15

#### About Genesis 18

Genesis 18 records Abraham's hospitable reception of the three visitors (i.e., God's envoys) and God's promise that Sarah will have a son in a year's time. God also revealed to Abraham his intention to destroy the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah because of their wickedness and sin.

## OBSERVATION

*What are some insights and reflections from the passage?*

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## APPLICATION

*What is one specific and practical way you can apply God's word in your life?*

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## PRAYER

*Respond to God in prayer.*



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DAY 32

Genesis  
Daily  
Devotional  
Journal

### Questions for Deeper Reflection:

1. What commendable Ancient Near Eastern custom do you observe from the way Abraham dealt with the three visitors (vv.1-8; cf. Matt 25:43; Heb 13:1-2)? How can you develop or grow in this area in your life?
2. Why do you think God reiterated the exact same promise that he had given earlier (cf. Gen 17:15-21)? Who do you think was the intended recipient of this promise?
3. What does the rhetorical question "Is anything impossible for the LORD?" (v.14a) reveal about God? How does this truth encourage you as you journey through life?

## SCRIPTURE

*Take time to meditate on the scriptures for the day.*

**Genesis 18:16-33**

## OBSERVATION

*What are some insights and reflections from the passage?*

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## APPLICATION

*What is one specific and practical way you can apply God's word in your life?*

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## PRAYER

*Respond to God in prayer.*



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**DAY 33**

**Genesis  
Daily  
Devotional  
Journal**

### Questions for Deeper Reflection:

1. What are some lessons that you can learn from Abraham's intercession on behalf of the city of Sodom? What does it reveal about Abraham? For whom can you take a moment to intercede today?
2. On what basis does Abraham make his intercession before God (cf. vv.23-25)? What is the significance of this?
3. What does God's responses to Abraham's intercession (vv.22-33) reveal about God (esp. in relation to justice)? How does this fact encourage you?

## SCRIPTURE

*Take time to meditate on the scriptures for the day.*

## OBSERVATION

*What are some insights and reflections from the passage?*

(Type here)

### Genesis 19:1-14

#### About Genesis 19

Genesis 19 records the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah because of their wickedness and sin (epitomised by their perversity in wanting to have sex with the two guests lodging at Lot's house). God, however, remembered Abraham and rescued Lot and his daughters from the destruction that he brought to the cities. The chapter concludes with the account of Lot's daughters getting their father drunk and lying with him. The older daughter gave birth to a son (who became the father of the Moabites) and the younger gave birth to a son (who became the father of the Ammonites).

## APPLICATION

*What is one specific and practical way you can apply God's word in your life?*

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## PRAYER

*Respond to God in prayer.*



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DAY 34

Genesis  
Daily  
Devotional  
Journal

### Questions for Deeper Reflection:

1. What is God's view regarding the sexual sin of the Sodomites? [Hint: See Lev 18:22; 20:13; Rom 1:18-27; 1 Cor 6:9-11; 1 Tim 1:8-10.] How should Christians respond to those who practice such a lifestyle?
2. What does the warning of the angels reveal about God and his heart? What did Lot do in response to the warning? What are some lessons you can learn from this in relation to evangelism?
3. What is tragically sad about the response of Lot's sons-in-law (v.14)? What lesson(s) can you learn from this? How can you avoid such a response in your life?

## SCRIPTURE

*Take time to meditate on the scriptures for the day.*

### Genesis 19:15-29

## OBSERVATION

*What are some insights and reflections from the passage?*

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## APPLICATION

*What is one specific and practical way you can apply God's word in your life?*

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## PRAYER

*Respond to God in prayer.*



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# DAY 35

## Genesis Daily Devotional Journal

### Questions for Deeper Reflection:

1. What are some consequences of Lot's decision to live in Sodom, which, although a well-watered area (Gen 13:10-11), was nonetheless filled with wickedness (Gen 13:13)? What lesson(s) can you learn from this?
2. Why do you think Lot's wife looked back? What are lesson(s) you can learn from this? [*\*Hint:* See Luke 17:20-35; cf. Luke 9:61-62; 1 John 2:15-17.] What are some things in your life that you should not be "looking back" on?
3. What does the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah teach us about God and his attitude toward sin? How should this affect the way you live / the way you view sin?

## SCRIPTURE

*Take time to meditate on the scriptures for the day.*

## OBSERVATION

*What are some insights and reflections from the passage?*

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### Genesis 19:30-38

## APPLICATION

*What is one specific and practical way you can apply God's word in your life?*

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## PRAAYER

*Respond to God in prayer.*



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# DAY 36

## Genesis Daily Devotional Journal

### Questions for Deeper Reflection:

1. Why did Lot depart from Zoah? What does this reveal about Lot (cf. the angels' promise in Gen 18:17-22)?
2. Lot's choice to live in the lavish-but-sinful land of Sodom (Gen 13:10-11) led to his fleeing to Zoar and then to the mountains (Gen 19:17-22, 30), as well as the consequent incestuous birth of the Moabites and Ammonites (19:31-38), two nations who would be a constant thorn in Israel's side (e.g., Num 25). What lesson(s) can you learn from this?
3. Keeping in mind the incestuous birth of the Moabites and Ammonites (and them being a constant thorn in Israel's side!), what is the significance of Ruth's (a Moabite!) inclusion in the genealogy of Jesus Christ (Matt 1:5-6; cf. Ruth 4:13-22)? What can you learn about God from this?

## SCRIPTURE

*Take time to meditate on the scriptures for the day.*

### Genesis 20:1-18

#### About Genesis 20

Genesis 20 continues the Abraham narrative by recording Abraham's journey to Gerar and God's intervention on Abraham's behalf just when the divine promise of an heir through Abraham and Sarah was in danger of being thwarted by Abimelech's taking of Sarah to be his wife.

## OBSERVATION

*What are some insights and reflections from the passage?*

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## APPLICATION

*What is one specific and practical way you can apply God's word in your life?*

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## PRAYER

*Respond to God in prayer.*



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DAY 37

Genesis  
Daily  
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Journal

### Questions for Deeper Reflection:

1. Was this the first time Abraham passed Sarah off as his sister? What does this teach about God's choice of Abraham? What are some recurring sins in your life and what does God intend you to do about it?
2. How did Abraham's sin (i.e., lying) affect Sarah? How did it affect Abimelech and his household? What can you learn about sin from this? Can you think of instances whereby your sin affected others?
3. What is the significance of the fact that God kept Abimelech from sinning against him (v.6)? What does it reveal about God? Can you think of instances in which God had kept you from committing sin?

## SCRIPTURE

*Take time to meditate on the scriptures for the day.*

## OBSERVATION

*What are some insights and reflections from the passage?*

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### Genesis 21:1-7

#### About Genesis 21

Genesis 21 begins by recording, in fulfillment of God's promise of an heir to Abraham and Sarah, the long-awaited (and miraculous!) birth of Isaac. Anticipation has finally given way to reality! However, with sibling rivalry rising, Sarah asked Abraham to cast out Hagar and Ishmael. The chapter then concludes with an account of Abraham's covenant with Abimelech.

## APPLICATION

*What is one specific and practical way you can apply God's word in your life?*

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## PRAYER

*Respond to God in prayer.*



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DAY 38

Genesis  
Daily  
Devotional  
Journal

#### Questions for Deeper Reflection:

1. After about 25 years of anticipating and waiting, Abraham was (finally!) rewarded with the birth of Isaac! What are some areas in your life that similarly require faith, patience, and perseverance?
2. Reflect upon the episode of Isaac's miraculous birth and make a list of what it teaches about the characteristics and attributes of God? How do these characteristics and/or attributes encourage or minister to you in whatever situation you may be currently facing in life?
3. Take a moment to praise, thank, and worship God for who he is as revealed in today's passage of Scripture.

## SCRIPTURE

*Take time to meditate on the scriptures for the day.*

**Genesis 21:8-21**

## OBSERVATION

*What are some insights and reflections from the passage?*

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## APPLICATION

*What is one specific and practical way you can apply God's word in your life?*

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## PRAYER

*Respond to God in prayer.*



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**DAY 39**

**Genesis  
Daily  
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Journal**

### Questions for Deeper Reflection:

1. What promise and assurance did God give Abraham regarding Isaac? How does it relate to promises such as Genesis 3:15 and Genesis 12:1-3?
2. Read Psalm 34:18 and Psalm 68:5-6. In what way(s) do you see these truths being played out in the Hagar episode (vv.8-21)? What does it reveal about God?
3. How does the apostle Paul pick up on the Hagar/Sarah story (cf. Gal 4:21-31)? How is this applicable to us as believers?

## SCRIPTURE

*Take time to meditate on the scriptures for the day.*

**Genesis 21:22-34**

## OBSERVATION

*What are some insights and reflections from the passage?*

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## APPLICATION

*What is one specific and practical way you can apply God's word in your life?*

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## PRAYER

*Respond to God in prayer.*



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**DAY 40**

**Genesis  
Daily  
Devotional  
Journal**

### Questions for Deeper Reflection:

1. What do you think compelled Abimelech (a royal king!) to initiate a friendship treaty with Abraham (a mere pilgrim!) (vv.22-23)? What does this reveal about God and his purposes (cf. Gen 12:1-3)?
2. What is the significance of God being identified as *EI Olam* (i.e., “the Everlasting God”) – especially when seen in light of God’s promised covenantal relationship in Genesis 17:7-8?
3. Make a list of the ways in which you see God fulfilling his promises (cf. Gen 12:1-3, 7; 13:14-17; 15:1, 4-5, 18-21) in Genesis 21? What does this reveal about God? What are some promises that has God fulfilled in your life?

## SCRIPTURE

*Take time to meditate on the scriptures for the day.*

### Genesis 22:1-8

#### About Genesis 22

Genesis 22 contains the famous account of the sacrifice of Isaac. Here, we see the ultimate test of Abraham's faith and his remarkable obedience to God's command to sacrifice his only son. God, however, graciously provided a ram as a substitute sacrifice just when Abraham was about to sacrifice Isaac. The obedient faith of Abraham resulted in a confirmation of God's earlier promise to Abraham (cf. Gen 12:1-3).

## OBSERVATION

*What are some insights and reflections from the passage?*

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## APPLICATION

*What is one specific and practical way you can apply God's word in your life?*

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## PRAYER

*Respond to God in prayer.*



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DAY 41

Genesis  
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### Questions for Deeper Reflection:

1. Reflect upon the words: "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love ..." (v.2)? Where else in Scripture do you see these phrases echoed? What does this episode ultimately point to?
2. How do you think Abraham must have felt when asked to offer Isaac as a sacrifice? What was Abraham's response to this command? Why do you think Abraham was able to respond the way he did?
3. Reflect on how you value God compared with how you value things that you hold dear. Pray and ask God to help you make him the greatest treasure of your life so that nothing may hinder your devotion to God.

## SCRIPTURE

*Take time to meditate on the scriptures for the day.*

**Genesis 22:9-24**

## OBSERVATION

*What are some insights and reflections from the passage?*

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## APPLICATION

*What is one specific and practical way you can apply God's word in your life?*

(Type here)

## PRAYER

*Respond to God in prayer.*



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**DAY 42**

**Genesis  
Daily  
Devotional  
Journal**

### Questions for Deeper Reflection:

1. What important biblical doctrine does Abraham sacrifice of the ram “instead of” Isaac (v.13) foreshadow? Where else do you see this concept occur in Scripture? Why is this relevant to believers?
2. Upon experiencing God’s provision, Abraham named the place “The LORD Will Provide” (v.14). In what way(s) have you experienced the reality of God’s gracious provision in your life? What is God’s ultimate provision?
3. Why is it significant that God confirmed his promise to bless Abraham with an oath (cf. Heb 6:13-20)? What does it inform us about God’s purposes for Abraham and the world (cf. Gen 12:1-3)?

## REFLECTION

*What are the top three key things that God said to me in the past two weeks in light of what has happened?*

(Type here)

## RESPOND

*What are the things I need to do in light of what God is saying?*

(Type here)

## PRAYER

*Respond to God in prayer.*

(Type here)



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**DAY 43**

**Genesis  
Daily  
Devotional  
Journal**

## SCRIPTURE

*Take time to meditate on the scriptures for the day.*

### Genesis 23:1-20

#### About Genesis 23

Genesis 23, which records the death and burial of Sarah, serves as a transition to the narrative of Isaac and Rebekah (Gen 24). The chapter begins with the death of Sarah in Kiriath-arba, which then occasioned Abraham's purchase of a burial site from the Hittites. Having successfully purchased a cave from Ephron, Abraham buried his beloved wife there.

## OBSERVATION

*What are some insights and reflections from the passage?*

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## APPLICATION

*What is one specific and practical way you can apply God's word in your life?*

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## PRAYER

*Respond to God in prayer.*



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DAY 44

Genesis  
Daily  
Devotional  
Journal

### Questions for Deeper Reflection:

1. What is the significance of this chapter being 'bookended' with a reference to "the land of Canaan" (vv.2, 19)? What does this literary device hint at?
2. Why do you think Abraham insisted on paying the full price for the burial plot rather than simply taking it for free?
3. What is the significance of Abraham purchasing a family burial plot in the land of Canaan rather than returning to Haran? What does this teach us about Abraham especially in relation to God's promises (Gen 12:7; 13:14-17; 15:18-21; 17:8)? What can you learn from this?

## SCRIPTURE

*Take time to meditate on the scriptures for the day.*

### Genesis 24:1-9

#### About Genesis 24

With Abraham getting on in years, Abraham commissions his servant to find a wife for his son Isaac back in the hometown where he came from. With this as the backdrop, Genesis 24 records how God graciously led and granted the servant success in this endeavour. This came in the form of Rebekah, who willingly followed the servant back to the land of Canaan, where she became Isaac's wife.

## OBSERVATION

*What are some insights and reflections from the passage?*

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## APPLICATION

*What is one specific and practical way you can apply God's word in your life?*

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## PRAYER

*Respond to God in prayer.*



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# DAY 45

## Genesis Daily Devotional Journal

### Questions for Deeper Reflection:

1. Why is Abraham so adamant that his servant neither (1) takes a Canaanite wife for his son Isaac (vv.2-4), nor (2) gets Isaac to go back to Haran (vv.5-6, 8)? Why is this significant?
2. What do you think is the basis of Abraham's confident assertion that the Lord's angel will lead the way in the servant's endeavour to find a wife for Isaac (v.7)?
3. In what way(s) does God's faithfulness in the past strengthen or encourage you in what you may face in the future? Take a moment to thank God for his faithfulness in your life.

## SCRIPTURE

*Take time to meditate on the scriptures for the day.*

**Genesis 24:10-27**

## OBSERVATION

*What are some insights and reflections from the passage?*

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## APPLICATION

*What is one specific and practical way you can apply God's word in your life?*

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## PRAYER

*Respond to God in prayer.*



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**DAY 46**

**Genesis  
Daily  
Devotional  
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### Questions for Deeper Reflection:

1. What does the servant's immediate action upon arriving at Aram-naharaim (see vv.12-14) reveal about him (e.g., his heart, attitude, posture, etc.)? What lesson(s) can you learn from this?
2. In what way(s) do you see God's hand (i.e., his providence) at work in the servant's quest to find a wife for Isaac? What are some instances of God's hand / providence at work in your life?
3. How did the servant respond when he discovered Rebekah (see vv.26-27)? Do you respond in a similar way to God's gracious provisions in your life? Why or why not?

## SCRIPTURE

*Take time to meditate on the scriptures for the day.*

**Genesis 24:28-49**

## OBSERVATION

*What are some insights and reflections from the passage?*

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## APPLICATION

*What is one specific and practical way you can apply God's word in your life?*

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## PRAYER

*Respond to God in prayer.*



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**DAY 47**

**Genesis  
Daily  
Devotional  
Journal**

### Questions for Deeper Reflection:

1. How do the actions of Laban upon seeing Abraham's servant (vv.31-32) mirror the actions of Rebekah (cf. vv.15-21)? How can you practice this trait in your life in the coming week?
2. How does the servant show his commitment to the mission that he was sent to do? What can you learn from this about being faithful to and prioritising God's work?
3. What do you notice about the way the servant shared his testimony? What was his emphasis? What can you learn from this regarding sharing of testimonies?

## SCRIPTURE

*Take time to meditate on the scriptures for the day.*

**Genesis 24:50-67**

## OBSERVATION

*What are some insights and reflections from the passage?*

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## APPLICATION

*What is one specific and practical way you can apply God's word in your life?*

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## PRAYER

*Respond to God in prayer.*



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**DAY 48**

**Genesis  
Daily  
Devotional  
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### Questions for Deeper Reflection:

1. What does the servant's immediate response to the agreement of both Laban and Bethuel to allow Rebekah to be Isaac's wife reveal about him? Do you similarly display such an acknowledgment of God's hand and gratitude to God in your life?
2. What does Rebekah's choice to leave with the servant reveal about her? On what basis do you think Rebekah made her decision? In what way(s) was her faith similar to Abraham's (cf. Gen 12:1-5)? What lesson(s) can you learn this?
3. What is the significance of the invoking of blessing upon Rebekah – especially when understood in light of God's blessing of Abraham and Sarah (e.g., Gen 12:1-3; 17:3-8, 15-16)? What does it clue you to expect in the grand narrative of Scripture?

## SCRIPTURE

Take time to meditate on the scriptures for the day.

### Genesis 25:1-11

#### About Genesis 25

With the death of the great patriarch (i.e., Abraham), Genesis 25 shifts its focus to his son, Isaac – in particular, the birth – and growth – of Isaac’s twin sons, Jacob and Esau, the latter of whom flippantly sold his birthright to the former in exchange for a bowl of stew.

## OBSERVATION

What are some insights and reflections from the passage?

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## APPLICATION

What is one specific and practical way you can apply God's word in your life?

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## PRAYER

Respond to God in prayer.



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DAY 49

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### Questions for Deeper Reflection:

1. Why did Abraham do what he did (esp. in relation to the inheritance) in verses 5-6? What does this reveal about Abraham? [Hint: See Gen 21:12.]
2. What characteristic of God is highlighted when you compare the record of Abraham’s death (vv.7-8) with what God had told Abraham in Genesis 15:15? How does this encourage you in your walk with God?
3. What is the significance of this statement: “After Abraham’s death, God blessed his son Isaac, who lived near Beer-lahai-roi” (v.11)? What does this reveal about God? [Hint: See Gen 13:15; 17:7-8, 19.]

## SCRIPTURE

*Take time to meditate on the scriptures for the day.*

**Genesis 25:12-26**

## OBSERVATION

*What are some insights and reflections from the passage?*

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## APPLICATION

*What is one specific and practical way you can apply God's word in your life?*

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## PRAYER

*Respond to God in prayer.*



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**DAY 50**

**Genesis  
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### Questions for Deeper Reflection:

1. What do you think is the author's purpose of recording the genealogy of Ishmael? What does it teach you about God? [\*Hint: See Gen 16:10-12; 17:20.]
2. What did Isaac do when he learned that Sarah was barren? How long did he have to wait before God answered his prayer (v.26b; cf. v.20)? What lesson(s) can you learn from this?
3. What is the significance of the struggle that happened in Rebekah's womb? What does it teach you about God? [\*Hint: See Rom 9:6-13.]

## SCRIPTURE

*Take time to meditate on the scriptures for the day.*

**Genesis 25:27-34**

## OBSERVATION

*What are some insights and reflections from the passage?*

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## APPLICATION

*What is one specific and practical way you can apply God's word in your life?*

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## PRAYER

*Respond to God in prayer.*



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**DAY 51**

**Genesis  
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### Questions for Deeper Reflection:

1. Does Jacob's recognition of the value of the birthright justify his means of attaining it? If not, what does it teach you about God's choice of Jacob over Esau (see v.23; cf. Rom 9:6-13; 11:6)? In what way(s) is this similar to your salvation in Christ (cf. Eph 2:8-9)?
2. What does Esau's response to Jacob's demand reveal about Esau (e.g., what he values / his priorities, etc.)? What is the New Testament's assessment of Esau (see Heb 12:16-17)? What lesson(s) can you learn from this?
3. What is the Holy Spirit speaking to you / challenging you about from today's passage?

## SCRIPTURE

*Take time to meditate on the scriptures for the day.*

## OBSERVATION

*What are some insights and reflections from the passage?*

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### Genesis 26:1-11

#### About Genesis 26

Genesis 26, which begins with a divine promise to Isaac, proceeds to record the conflicts Isaac faced with the Philistines – first, with Abimelech, and then with the herdsmen. Through these incidents, we see the gracious hand of God superintending the whole process and granting favour and success to Isaac – culminating with a peaceable covenant made with Abimelech. The chapter concludes with a brief note of Esau's marrying of Hittite wives from outside the family.

## APPLICATION

*What is one specific and practical way you can apply God's word in your life?*

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## PRAYER

*Respond to God in prayer.*



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DAY 52

Genesis  
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### Questions for Deeper Reflection:

1. What is the significance of God's promise to Isaac (vv.2-5) in the unfolding of the grand narrative? [*\*Hint:* See Gen 3:15; 12:1-3, etc.] What does this teach you about God and his purposes?
2. What does Isaac's following in his father's (i.e., Abraham's) footsteps (i.e., in passing of his wife as his sister) reveal about him (vv.7-11; cf. Gen 12:10-20); 20:1-18)? What does it reveal about God and the people he uses? Why should you be encouraged by this fact?
3. In what way(s) do you see the unseen hand of God at work in protecting Isaac and Rebekah – and, by extension, his promise? In what way(s) do you discern God's unseen hand working in your life?

## SCRIPTURE

*Take time to meditate on the scriptures for the day.*

**Genesis 26:12-25**

## OBSERVATION

*What are some insights and reflections from the passage?*

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## APPLICATION

*What is one specific and practical way you can apply God's word in your life?*

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## PRAYER

*Respond to God in prayer.*



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**DAY 53**

**Genesis  
Daily  
Devotional  
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### Questions for Deeper Reflection:

1. What are some clear evidences of God's favour and blessing upon Isaac in this passage? What are some evidences of God's favour and blessing upon your life? Take a moment to thank God for these blessings.
2. What are some lessons we can learn from the way Isaac dealt with his neighbours (esp. in how we can relate to those outside the faith)? How can you apply this in your life?
3. What is the significance of God appearing to Isaac again especially after the recent spate of events (i.e., the conflicts over wells)? Do you think Isaac needed this theophany? What does it teach you about God?

## SCRIPTURE

*Take time to meditate on the scriptures for the day.*

**Genesis 26:26-35**

## OBSERVATION

*What are some insights and reflections from the passage?*

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## APPLICATION

*What is one specific and practical way you can apply God's word in your life?*

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## PRAYER

*Respond to God in prayer.*



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**DAY 54**

**Genesis  
Daily  
Devotional  
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### Questions for Deeper Reflection:

1. Why did Abimelech approach Isaac and make a covenant with him? What similar earlier incident does this bring to mind? What does this reveal?
2. What connections do you observe (if any) between Abimelech's making a covenant with Isaac and God's promise to Abraham (Gen 12:1-3)? What can you learn from this about God and his promises?
3. What does Esau's action in taking Hittite wives reveal about him (vv.34-35)? Do you think this is merely an incidental detail? What part does it play in the overall narrative?

## SCRIPTURE

*Take time to meditate on the scriptures for the day.*

## OBSERVATION

*What are some insights and reflections from the passage?*

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### Genesis 27:1-29

#### About Genesis 27

Genesis 27 resumes the Jacob-Esau narrative by detailing how Jacob – who, under the instigation of his mother Rebekah – deceives his father Isaac into giving him the blessing that was reserved for the firstborn son. In so doing, we see the fulfilment of God's word that "the older will serve the younger" (Gen 25:23) as well as the growing animosity between the brothers.

## APPLICATION

*What is one specific and practical way you can apply God's word in your life?*

(Type here)

## PRAYER

*Respond to God in prayer.*



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DAY 55

Genesis  
Daily  
Devotional  
Journal

### Questions for Deeper Reflection:

1. Do you think Rebekah and Jacob were right in their conspiracy to deceive Isaac? What does this reveal about the basis of God's choice of Jacob over Esau? [Hint: See Gen 25:23; Rom 9:6-13.]
2. In what way(s) do you see God's plan and purposes for Esau and Jacob being worked out in this chapter (cf. Gen 25:23)? What can you learn from this about how God goes about achieving his purposes?
3. What is the significance of the unmistakable echo of God's promise to Abraham (Gen 12:1-3) in Isaac's blessing of Jacob (vv.27-29)?

## SCRIPTURE

*Take time to meditate on the scriptures for the day.*

**Genesis 27:30-46**

## OBSERVATION

*What are some insights and reflections from the passage?*

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## APPLICATION

*What is one specific and practical way you can apply God's word in your life?*

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## PRAYER

*Respond to God in prayer.*



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**DAY 56**

**Genesis  
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### Questions for Deeper Reflection:

1. Do you think that it is merely coincidental that Esau arrived only just after Jacob had left the presence of his father Isaac (v.30)? What does this teach you (esp. when seen in light of the divine purpose; cf. Gen 25:23)? How does this fact encourage you? [*\*Hint:* See Isa 55:10-11.]
2. What lesson or warning should you take away from the account of Esau being refused the blessing (vv.30-40; cf. Gen 25:27-34; Heb 12:16-17)?
3. Does Isaac's blessing of Jacob lead to Jacob experiencing a trouble-free life? How is this a needed corrective to what the prosperity preachers may be espousing today?

## REFLECTION

*What are the top three key things that God said to me in the past two weeks in light of what has happened?*

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## RESPOND

*What are the things I need to do in light of what God is saying?*

(Type here)

## PRAYER

*Respond to God in prayer.*

(Type here)



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**DAY 57**

**Genesis  
Daily  
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## SCRIPTURE

*Take time to meditate on the scriptures for the day.*

## OBSERVATION

*What are some insights and reflections from the passage?*

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### Genesis 28:1-9

#### About Genesis 28

Genesis 28 continues the Jacob-Esau narrative with the account of Jacob being sent to Paddan-aram to find a wife for himself from one of Laban's daughters. While lodging in Bethel, Jacob had a life-changing dream in which God reveals himself and promises to protect and bless him.

## APPLICATION

*What is one specific and practical way you can apply God's word in your life?*

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## PRAYER

*Respond to God in prayer.*



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DAY 58

Genesis  
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### Questions for Deeper Reflection:

1. What does the combination of “make you fruitful” and “multiply you” in Isaac’s blessing of Jacob (v.3) bring to mind? What is its significance? In what way(s) is this relevant for believers today? [Hint: See Gen 1:27-28; Matt 28:18-20.]
2. What is the significance of the juxtaposition between the wife that Jacob is to marry (vv.1-5) and the wives that Esau chooses to marry (vv.6-9)? What does it teach you about these two men in relation to God’s purposes?
3. What do the actions of Esau reveal about him (vv.6-9)? Have there been times in which you have acted out of spite or anger? What does the Bible have to say about anger? [Hint: See e.g., Prov 14:17; Eccl 7:9; Matt 5:22; Eph 4:26; Col 3:8; James 1:19-20.]

## SCRIPTURE

*Take time to meditate on the scriptures for the day.*

**Genesis 28:10-22**

## OBSERVATION

*What are some insights and reflections from the passage?*

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## APPLICATION

*What is one specific and practical way you can apply God's word in your life?*

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## PRAYER

*Respond to God in prayer.*



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**DAY 59**

**Genesis  
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### Questions for Deeper Reflection:

1. What are some ways in which Jacob's experience at Bethel confirm the blessing (cf. Gen 27:27-29) and birthright (cf. Gen 25:27-34) that he attained in the preceding chapters? What is its significance?
2. What is the significance of the parallel between God's angels "ascending and descending" upon the stairway that reaches to the sky (v.12) and Jesus' words in John 1:51 (i.e., "Truly I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.")?
3. What effect did this encounter with God have on Jacob? In what way(s) has your encounter(s) with God changed your life / your outlook / your perspective?

## SCRIPTURE

*Take time to meditate on the scriptures for the day.*

### Genesis 29:1-14a

#### About Genesis 29

Genesis 29 provides us with an account the life of Jacob in Paddan Aram – and begins the Jacob-Laban narrative cycle (29:1–31:55). It records Jacob's falling in love with Rachel, for whom he agreed with Laban to work seven years for her hand. However, Laban deceived Jacob and gave him Leah instead. Undeterred, Jacob agreed to work for Laban another seven years for Rachel's hand. The chapter concludes with a record of Leah giving birth to Jacob's sons

## OBSERVATION

*What are some insights and reflections from the passage?*

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## APPLICATION

*What is one specific and practical way you can apply God's word in your life?*

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## PRAYER

*Respond to God in prayer.*



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DAY 60

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### Questions for Deeper Reflection:

1. Compare Rachel's 'chance' appearance before Jacob (v.9) with Rebekah's 'chance' appearance before Abraham's servant (Gen 25:15, 45). What do these 'chance' meetings teach about the unseen hand of God in the affairs of men? Why can you find comfort and solace in this fact?
2. What is the significance of Jacob finding of his relatives (v.12) and their enthusiastic acknowledgement and acceptance of him (vv.13-14)? What does this reveal about the result of Jacob's journey? [Hint: See Gen 28:1-5.]
3. What are some things that you can learn about God from this passage?

## SCRIPTURE

*Take time to meditate on the scriptures for the day.*

**Genesis 29:14b-30**

## OBSERVATION

*What are some insights and reflections from the passage?*

(Type here)

## APPLICATION

*What is one specific and practical way you can apply God's word in your life?*

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## PRAYER

*Respond to God in prayer.*



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**DAY 61**

**Genesis  
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### Questions for Deeper Reflection:

1. What do you think is God's purpose in allowing Jacob to be deceived by Laban? What lesson(s) can you learn from this? [Hint: Recall the kind of man Jacob was (e.g., his treatment of Esau, Jacob, etc.).]
2. What lesson(s) can you learn from the way Jacob favoured Rachel over Leah? Where else in the Bible do you see evidences of favouritism? What were the consequences?
3. What does the Bible teach about favouritism? What do you intend to do about it? [Hint: James 2:1, 4, 8-9.]

## SCRIPTURE

*Take time to meditate on the scriptures for the day.*

## OBSERVATION

*What are some insights and reflections from the passage?*

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### Genesis 29:31 – 30:24

#### About Genesis 30

This first half of Genesis 30 contains a record of the significant event of the birth of Jacob's children by means of the rival sisters, Leah and Rachel – and that of their respective slaves (i.e., Bilhah and Zilpah). These sons born to Jacob would later form the twelve tribes of Israel. The second half of the chapter describes God's evident favour and blessing upon Jacob – one that is evidenced in the multiplication of Jacob's flocks.

## APPLICATION

*What is one specific and practical way you can apply God's word in your life?*

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## PRAYER

*Respond to God in prayer.*



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DAY 62

Genesis  
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### Questions for Deeper Reflection:

1. What does Leah's naming of her first three sons reveal about what she was hoping for (i.e., her desire / obsession) (vv.31-34)? In what was she finding her identity / significance / worth? In what are you finding your identity / significance / worth? Where is true identity / significance / worth to be found?
2. What is the significance of Leah's fourth son (i.e., Judah) that she bore to Jacob (v.34) in the grand scheme of redemptive history (cf. God's covenant promises)? [Hint: See Gen 49:8-12; Matt 1:3ff.; Heb 7:14; Rev 5:5.]
3. Why does the author take pains to record the many sons (and a daughter) born to Jacob in this passage? What is he seeking to show? [Hint: See Gen 28:13-15; cf. Gen 12:1-3; 13:16; 26:24.]?

## SCRIPTURE

*Take time to meditate on the scriptures for the day.*

**Genesis 30:25-43**

## OBSERVATION

*What are some insights and reflections from the passage?*

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## APPLICATION

*What is one specific and practical way you can apply God's word in your life?*

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## PRAYER

*Respond to God in prayer.*



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**DAY 63**

**Genesis  
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### Questions for Deeper Reflection:

1. What is the significance of the twofold description from the lips of Laban and Jacob that “the LORD has blessed” Laban because of Jacob (vv.27, 30)? What does this reveal? [Hint: See Gen 12:1-3; cf. 24:1, 35; 26:12-14.]
2. What does the success and prosperity of Jacob (vv.37-43) in spite of the underhanded scheming of Laban (vv.35-36) reveal about God and his purposes? [Hint: See Gen 31:10-13; cf. Gen 28:10-15.]
3. God’s gracious hand and blessing is evident in the life of Jacob even though he did not deserve it. What are some of the ways in which God has blessed you in spite of yourself?

## SCRIPTURE

*Take time to meditate on the scriptures for the day.*

## OBSERVATION

*What are some insights and reflections from the passage?*

(Type here)

## Genesis 31:1-21

### About Genesis 31

Genesis 31 records the rising tension between Jacob and Laban's sons – with God instructing Jacob to return to his family in Canaan. Both Rachel and Leah agree to go with him. Seizing upon an opportune time, they left while Laban was away shearing sheep. When Laban discovered that they had escaped, he pursued them – and, after a heated confrontation, the two men finally made a treaty not to harm one another.

## APPLICATION

*What is one specific and practical way you can apply God's word in your life?*

(Type here)

## PRAYER

*Respond to God in prayer.*



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DAY 64

Genesis  
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### Questions for Deeper Reflection:

1. How did Jacob respond when God commanded him to return to his family and land (vv.3, 13)? How do you normally respond when God calls you to do something?
2. In what way(s) do you see the outworking of God's promise (Gen 12:3; 27:29) in Jacob's dealings with Laban as recounted in his speech (vv.5-13)? What does this reveal about God?
3. What does Jacob's speech to Rachel and Leah (vv.4-13) reveal about where Jacob attributes his successes and prosperity to? How can you grow in discerning God's hand and blessing upon your life?

## SCRIPTURE

*Take time to meditate on the scriptures for the day.*

**Genesis 31:22-35**

## OBSERVATION

*What are some insights and reflections from the passage?*

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## APPLICATION

*What is one specific and practical way you can apply God's word in your life?*

(Type here)

## PRAYER

*Respond to God in prayer.*



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**DAY 65**

**Genesis  
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### Questions for Deeper Reflection:

1. What does God's intervention by means of a dream to a clearly vengeful Laban (vv.22-24) reveal about God (e.g., characteristics / attributes, etc.) – especially in relation to his covenant promises? Make a list of these. Which of these divine attributes / characteristics encourages you in particular? [Hint: See also Gen 20:3-7.]
2. What does Laban's words in verse 29 reveal about his intent had God not warned him in a dream (cf. v.24)? How have you personally experienced God's protection in your life?
3. What is the theological significance of Rachel's stealing of (v.19), hiding, and sitting (vv.34-35) on Laban's household gods?

## SCRIPTURE

*Take time to meditate on the scriptures for the day.*

**Genesis 31:36-55**

## OBSERVATION

*What are some insights and reflections from the passage?*

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## APPLICATION

*What is one specific and practical way you can apply God's word in your life?*

(Type here)

## PRAYER

*Respond to God in prayer.*



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**DAY 66**

**Genesis  
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### Questions for Deeper Reflection:

1. In what way(s) is verse 42 a key verse in the entire Jacob-Laban episode? What are some instances of its outworking in the narrative?
2. It is arguable that the key phrase in verse 42 is that of God's presence with Jacob. In what way is this fulfilled in us as new covenant believers? [*\*Hint:* See Gen 28:15; 31:3; cf. Matt 1:23; 28:20.]
3. Looking back at Genesis 31 as a whole, what are some lessons you can learn about trusting God as seen from the life of Jacob?

## SCRIPTURE

*Take time to meditate on the scriptures for the day.*

## OBSERVATION

*What are some insights and reflections from the passage?*

(Type here)

### Genesis 32:1-21

#### About Genesis 32

Having successfully freed himself from Laban's clutches, Genesis 32 records Jacob's biggest challenge – namely, Jacob's preparation to meet his brother Esau, whom he had cheated and who had made a vow to kill him (Gen 27:41). The chapter begins by recounting the intricate plans devised by Jacob to appease his brother Esau upon hearing of his coming to meet him and concludes with an account of Jacob's wrestling match with God at Peniel – an encounter that would leave Jacob changed forever.

## APPLICATION

*What is one specific and practical way you can apply God's word in your life?*

(Type here)

## PRAYER

*Respond to God in prayer.*



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DAY 67

Genesis  
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### Questions for Deeper Reflection:

1. In what way(s) does the previous episode with Laban prepare Jacob for his greatest challenge yet – namely, the meeting with his brother Esau who had vowed to kill him (Gen 27:41)? How have your experiences with God in the past prepared you for the challenges that lie ahead of you?
2. Why was Jacob distressed upon hearing that his brother Esau was coming to meet him (vv.6-8) and to whom did he turn to for help (vv.9-12)? Where do you turn for help in times of trouble? [\*Hint: See Psalm 121:1-2.]
3. What does the manner of Jacob's prayer reveal about him? On what basis does Jacob make his appeal to God to deliver him from his vengeful brother Esau (vv.9-12)? What can you learn from this? [\*Hint: See Gen 28:13-15.]

## SCRIPTURE

*Take time to meditate on the scriptures for the day.*

**Genesis 32:22-32**

## OBSERVATION

*What are some insights and reflections from the passage?*

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## APPLICATION

*What is one specific and practical way you can apply God's word in your life?*

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## PRAYER

*Respond to God in prayer.*



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**DAY 68**

**Genesis  
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### Questions for Deeper Reflection:

1. This passage seems to somewhat interrupt the flow of the narrative in Genesis 32–33 (i.e., Jacob's meeting with Esau). What is the purpose of this episode in the overall flow of the narrative?
2. What is the significance of Jacob's name change in this encounter with God?
3. In what way(s) is Jacob's wrestling with God a means of spiritual formation? What are some ways in which you have struggled with God and come out changed?

## SCRIPTURE

*Take time to meditate on the scriptures for the day.*

## OBSERVATION

*What are some insights and reflections from the passage?*

(Type here)

### Genesis 33:1-20

#### About Genesis 33

Genesis 33 records Jacob's meeting with Esau – a meeting which, although dreaded by Jacob, nevertheless had a happy ending as evidenced in the conciliatory embrace of the two brothers who once had been at loggerheads. The episode ends with Jacob arriving at Shechem in the land of Canaan where he pitched his tent and worshipped God.

## APPLICATION

*What is one specific and practical way you can apply God's word in your life?*

(Type here)

## PRAYER

*Respond to God in prayer.*



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DAY 69

Genesis  
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#### Questions for Deeper Reflection:

1. What does Esau's surprising embrace of Jacob reveal about him (vv.4, 10; cf. Gen 27:41)? Are there any people in your life whom you need to forgive (see Eph 4:32; Col 3:13)?
2. What is the significance of Genesis 33 ending the way it does – namely, with Jacob returning to Shechem in the land of Canaan and pitching his tent there (vv.18-20)? [Hint: See Gen 28:13-15.]
3. Looking ahead in biblical history, how would the relationship between the descendants of Jacob and Esau fare over the years? How is the ultimate reconciliation of these brothers possible? [Hint: See Psalm 137; Obadiah.]

## SCRIPTURE

*Take time to meditate on the scriptures for the day.*

## OBSERVATION

*What are some insights and reflections from the passage?*

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### Genesis 34:1-31

#### About Genesis 34

After the bright spot of Jacob's reconciliation with his brother Esau as well as Jacob's successful return to the land of Canaan in the previous chapter, the narrative takes a turn for the worse in Genesis 34. This dark chapter begins by recording the rape of Dinah by Shechem – only to descend further into darkness with the vengeful massacre of the city's entire male population by Simeon and Levi.

## APPLICATION

*What is one specific and practical way you can apply God's word in your life?*

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## PRAAYER

*Respond to God in prayer.*



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DAY 70

Genesis  
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### Questions for Deeper Reflection:

1. How would you evaluate the action (or inaction!) of Jacob in response to the events that transpired before him? What are some lessons you can learn from this?
2. What complication does the actions of Jacob's sons throw into the overall story of the outworking of God's covenant promises? [*\*Hint:* See v.30; cf. Gen 12:1-3.]
3. The descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob are the ones through whom God intends to bless the world (Gen 12:1-3; 22:15-18; 26:1-5; 28:13-15). What do the character and actions of Simeon and Levi reveal about God and how his purposes will come about?

## REFLECTION

*What are the top three key things that God said to me in the past two weeks in light of what has happened?*

(Type here)

## RESPOND

*What are the things I need to do in light of what God is saying?*

(Type here)

## PRAYER

*Respond to God in prayer.*

(Type here)



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**DAY 71**

**Genesis  
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## SCRIPTURE

*Take time to meditate on the scriptures for the day.*

## OBSERVATION

*What are some insights and reflections from the passage?*

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### Genesis 35:1-15

#### About Genesis 35

With the threat of retaliation as the backdrop, Genesis 35 records God's instruction to Jacob to head toward Bethel and build an altar to him there. Jacob responded with a spiritual 'spring cleaning' (i.e., getting his family and those who were with him to remove the foreign gods that they may be possessing) before successfully arriving at Bethel. There, God confirmed his covenant promises with Jacob. The chapter then concludes with the deaths of Rachel and Isaac.

## APPLICATION

*What is one specific and practical way you can apply God's word in your life?*

(Type here)

## PRAYER

*Respond to God in prayer.*



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DAY 72

Genesis  
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### Questions for Deeper Reflection:

1. Reflect upon Jacob's words in verse 3b – "... the God who answers me in the day of distress and has been with me wherever I have gone". What characteristic(s) of God is highlighted in these words? How have you experienced this in your life?
2. What is the significance of verse 5 especially in relation to Jacob's fears and concerns (cf. Gen 34:30)? What does this reveal about God and his purposes? Why can you find comfort and encouragement in this?
3. Take a moment to consider how you can – and should – respond to the faithfulness of God in your life?

## SCRIPTURE

*Take time to meditate on the scriptures for the day.*

**Genesis 35:16-29**

## OBSERVATION

*What are some insights and reflections from the passage?*

(Type here)

## APPLICATION

*What is one specific and practical way you can apply God's word in your life?*

(Type here)

## PRAYER

*Respond to God in prayer.*



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**DAY 73**

**Genesis  
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### Questions for Deeper Reflection:

1. What setbacks did Jacob suffer in this passage (vv.16-29)? What reality check does this provide to believers? How can you find comfort and encouragement in the setbacks that you may face in life?
2. What positive light does the listing of the twelve sons of Jacob shed in relation to God's covenantal promise (vv.23-26)? [\*Hint: See Gen 28:14; 32:12; cf. Gen 12:1-3.]
3. If the listing of Jacob's twelve sons hints at a partial (or initial) fulfilment of God's promise of numerous descendants (vv.23-26), what does the account of Reuben's incestuous act (v.22) – coupled with the massacre carried out by Simeon and Levi (Gen 34) – lead the reader to feel?

## SCRIPTURE

*Take time to meditate on the scriptures for the day.*

## OBSERVATION

*What are some insights and reflections from the passage?*

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### Genesis 36:1-43

#### About Genesis 36

Genesis 36 provides us with a record of the numerous descendants of Esau (i.e., the Edomites) - as well as that of their prosperity and political development (even before that of the Israelites!). In so doing, it brings to fruition God's earlier promise that Esau will be the father of a nation (Gen 25:23).

## APPLICATION

*What is one specific and practical way you can apply God's word in your life?*

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## PRAYER

*Respond to God in prayer.*



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### Questions for Deeper Reflection:

1. Why do you think the author takes pains to record the list of Esau's descendants (i.e., the Edomites)? How will Edom's later history play out with Israel's later history? [*\*Hint:* See Gen 25:23; 27:38-40; cf. Num 20:14-21; Judges 11:17-18; Psalm 137; Obadiah, etc.]
2. Based on your reading of Genesis 36, how do you think Esau (and his descendants) fared in spite of being an outsider to the covenantal promises of God? What does this reveal about God and his blessings? [*\*Hint:* See Gen 25:23; cf. Gen 17:4-5; cf. Gen 12:3; 26:4; 28:14; cf. Matt 5:45.]
3. What are some ways in which you have experienced the blessings of God even though you know you least deserved it? Take a moment to thank God for his grace.

## SCRIPTURE

*Take time to meditate on the scriptures for the day.*

## OBSERVATION

*What are some insights and reflections from the passage?*

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### Genesis 37:1-11

#### About Genesis 37

In Genesis 37, the account shifts to focus particularly on Joseph (although his father and brothers are certainly not out of view!) – a focus that will span the rest of the narrative in Genesis (i.e., chaps. 37–50). This opening chapter records the favouritism of Jacob toward Joseph and the dreams of Joseph. This, in turn, ignited intense sibling hatred and rivalry – one which eventually led to the brothers' ruthless sale of Joseph into slavery and deception of Jacob that Joseph had been killed by a wild animal.

## APPLICATION

*What is one specific and practical way you can apply God's word in your life?*

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## PRAYER

*Respond to God in prayer.*



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DAY 75

Genesis  
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#### Questions for Deeper Reflection:

1. How would you evaluate the character and actions of Jacob, Joseph, and the brothers in this passage (vv.1-11)? What was wise or unwise about their actions? What can you learn from this?
2. Make a list of some of the factors that contributed to the brothers' increasing disdain and dislike of Joseph (vv.1-11). What can you learn from this?
3. What do the dreams of Joseph reveal about God's plans and purposes for Joseph (vv.5-11)? In what way(s) is God's grace accentuated in this when juxtaposed against the kind of man Joseph was (cf. vv.2, 4, 5-7, 9-10)? What does this reveal about God?

## SCRIPTURE

*Take time to meditate on the scriptures for the day.*

**Genesis 37:12-36**

## OBSERVATION

*What are some insights and reflections from the passage?*

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## APPLICATION

*What is one specific and practical way you can apply God's word in your life?*

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## PRAYER

*Respond to God in prayer.*



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**DAY 76**

**Genesis  
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### Questions for Deeper Reflection:

1. What did the envy and jealousy of Joseph's brothers lead to (cf. vv.4, 8, 11)? What can you learn from this?
2. Do you harbor envy or jealousy in your heart? Take a moment to repent and ask God for his forgiveness (cf. 1 John 1:9). What do you think is the best antidote to envy and jealousy? [\*Hint: See 1 Tim 6:6; Heb 13:5.]
3. In what way(s) do you discern God's hand providentially at work in Joseph's life in the events that unfolded in this passage of Scripture? What does this teach you about God? About how God works?

## SCRIPTURE

*Take time to meditate on the scriptures for the day.*

## OBSERVATION

*What are some insights and reflections from the passage?*

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### Genesis 38:1-30

#### About Genesis 38

Genesis 38, although a seemingly abrupt break from the Joseph narrative, is nonetheless a strategically placed and theologically-loaded account. This chapter focuses on Judah and his daughter-in-law, Tamar – and how, in the providential outworking of God, the union of Judah and Tamar, would eventually lead to the royal lineage through one of their sons, Perez.

## APPLICATION

*What is one specific and practical way you can apply God's word in your life?*

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## PRAYER

*Respond to God in prayer.*



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DAY 77

Genesis  
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### Questions for Deeper Reflection:

1. What is the significance of this sordid account of the Judah-Tamar story (vv.12-26) and the resultant birth of the twins, Perez and Zerah (vv.27-30)? [*\*Hint:* See Ruth 4:18-22; Matt 1:1-17 (esp. v.3); cf. Gen 3:15; 12:1-3.]
2. It is arguable that verse 26 is the turning point in Judah's life. What does Judah's response upon finding out that he had slept with Tamar reveal about him (v.26)? What are some lessons you can learn from Judah's response?
3. What does the fact that it is through Judah's lineage that the Messiah would ultimately be born (Matt 1:1-17) – and that in spite of Judah's many sins! – reveal about God and how God works? Why can you find hope in this? [*\*Hint:* See 1 Cor 1:26-29.]

## SCRIPTURE

*Take time to meditate on the scriptures for the day.*

## OBSERVATION

*What are some insights and reflections from the passage?*

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### Genesis 39:1-23

#### About Genesis 39

Genesis 39 resumes the Joseph narrative after a slight 'detour' with the Judah episode in Genesis 38. Whereas the previous chapter (Gen 38) records Judah's moral failure, this chapter (Gen 39) records Joseph's moral uprightness in the face of unrelenting temptation. In spite of Joseph's integrity in withstanding the seductive advances of Potiphar's wife, he nonetheless finds himself falsely accused of rape and ends up in prison for a crime he did not commit.

## APPLICATION

*What is one specific and practical way you can apply God's word in your life?*

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## PRAYER

*Respond to God in prayer.*



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# DAY 78

## Genesis Daily Devotional Journal

### Questions for Deeper Reflection:

1. What is the theological significance of Joseph not succumbing to the advancements of Potiphar's wife in light of the overall biblical narrative / God's redemptive plan? [Hint: See Gen 3:15; 12:1-3, etc.]
2. What do you think is the secret to Joseph's success whether in his work (vv.1-6a), in the face of temptation (vv.6b-12), or even in prison (vv.21-23)? What is its significance for us as believers? [Hint: See Matt 1:23; 28:20.]
3. What can you learn from the Joseph narrative about (a) overcoming temptations, and (b) responding to unfair treatment in your life? [Hint: See also Prov 5; 7; Matt 6:13; 1 Cor 10:13; James 4:7; 1 Pet 2:18-23; 3:8-9.]

## SCRIPTURE

*Take time to meditate on the scriptures for the day.*

### Genesis 40:1-23

#### About Genesis 40

Genesis 40 continues where Genesis 39 left off – with Joseph languishing in the Egyptian prison for a crime he did not commit. This chapter records Joseph’s interpretation of the dreams of Pharaoh’s chief cupbearer and chief baker – both of whom had been thrown into prison. Joseph’s interpretation of the respective dreams proved true – with the cupbearer restored to office and the baker executed by Pharaoh. This would later pave the way for Joseph’s reinstatement (Gen 41).

## OBSERVATION

*What are some insights and reflections from the passage?*

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## APPLICATION

*What is one specific and practical way you can apply God's word in your life?*

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## PRAYER

*Respond to God in prayer.*



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DAY 79

Genesis  
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### Questions for Deeper Reflection:

1. Why does Joseph say, “Don’t interpretations belong to God?” (v.8)? What does this reveal about his perspective about God? What does this reveal about his faith?
2. Does Joseph’s request for the cupbearer to remember him show that he was a fatalist? If not, what does Joseph’s actions teach us about divine sovereignty and human responsibility / about how God works? [Hint: See Acts 27:13-44.]
3. Unfortunately for Joseph, the cupbearer totally forgot about him (v.23). In contrast to the frailties, foibles, and forgetfulness of men, how does God’s constant faithfulness (Lam 3:22-23; Heb 13:5) and the fact that God never forgets his people (Isa 49:15) encourage you?

## SCRIPTURE

*Take time to meditate on the scriptures for the day.*

## OBSERVATION

*What are some insights and reflections from the passage?*

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### Genesis 41:1-13

#### About Genesis 41

Genesis 41, which begins with Joseph languishing in the Egyptian prison cell, ends with Joseph flourishing in the Egyptian royal court. It is a classic 'rags-to-riches' story. The chapter begins with Pharaoh's two puzzling dreams which triggered the cupbearer to remember Joseph who was still in prison. Upon the cupbearer's recommendation of Joseph to Pharaoh and Joseph's successful interpretation of Pharaoh's dreams, Joseph was made second-in-command to Pharaoh over all of Egypt. Joseph oversaw his task wisely and proved to be a huge blessing not only to the Egyptians – but also to all the countries during the famine.

## APPLICATION

*What is one specific and practical way you can apply God's word in your life?*

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## PRAYER

*Respond to God in prayer.*



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DAY 80

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### Questions for Deeper Reflection:

1. How many years had passed since Joseph requested the cupbearer to remember him when the latter is released? How do you think Joseph might have felt during this period? What does this reveal about God's timing?
2. In what way(s) do you see God's fingerprints in the unfolding of events in this passage? What are some lessons you can learn about how God works from this passage?
3. God, although not mentioned in this passage, was nonetheless clearly at work in what was happening (vv.1-13). How does the fact of God's absolute sovereignty bring comfort, encouragement, and hope to your life?

## SCRIPTURE

*Take time to meditate on the scriptures for the day.*

**Genesis 41:14-36**

## OBSERVATION

*What are some insights and reflections from the passage?*

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## APPLICATION

*What is one specific and practical way you can apply God's word in your life?*

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## PRAYER

*Respond to God in prayer.*



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**DAY 81**

**Genesis  
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### Questions for Deeper Reflection:

1. What is significant about Joseph's response to Pharaoh (see esp. vv.16, 25, 28, 32)? What does it reveal about Joseph? What can you learn from this?
2. What does Joseph's additional counsel to Pharaoh after providing the requested interpretation to the dreams reveal about Joseph? In what way(s) do you go beyond the standard call to duty in your life / ministry / work / studies?
3. In what way(s) are you giving credit and glory to God for the gifts he has graciously bestowed upon you? How can you give God the credit and glory for all your accomplishments (e.g., life / ministry / work / studies, etc.)?

## SCRIPTURE

*Take time to meditate on the scriptures for the day.*

**Genesis 41:37-57**

## OBSERVATION

*What are some insights and reflections from the passage?*

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## APPLICATION

*What is one specific and practical way you can apply God's word in your life?*

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## PRAYER

*Respond to God in prayer.*



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**DAY 82**

**Genesis  
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### Questions for Deeper Reflection:

1. What element of the covenant promise do you see hints of fulfilment at the conclusion of this chapter (v.57)? [\*Hint: See also Gen 39:2-5, 21-23; cf. Gen 12:1-3; 18:18; 22:18; 26:4; 28:14.]
2. What parallels do you observe between the story of Joseph's rise from humiliation to exaltation and that of the life of Christ? What can you learn from this about the Christian life? [\*Hint: See Phil 2:5-11; 1 Pet 5:6-7.]
3. In what way(s) do the names of Joseph's sons testify to God's goodness and grace in the midst of Joseph's affliction (vv.50-52)? Reflect upon God's goodness and grace especially in the dark and challenging seasons of your life. What are some valuable lessons God has taught you in those dark and challenging times?

## SCRIPTURE

*Take time to meditate on the scriptures for the day.*

### Genesis 42:1-26

#### About Genesis 42

Having recorded Joseph's rise to power in Pharaoh's court (Gen 39–41), Genesis 42 continues the narrative by recording the first journey of Joseph's brothers to Egypt to buy grain because of the famine. Upon seeing his brothers, Joseph accused them of spying, took Simeon hostage, and demanded that they bring their youngest brother, Benjamin, to him for verification of their innocence. When the brothers (with the exception of Simeon) returned and reported what had happened to Jacob, Jacob stubbornly refuses to accede to their request to bring Benjamin along to Egypt.

## OBSERVATION

*What are some insights and reflections from the passage?*

(Type here)

## APPLICATION

*What is one specific and practical way you can apply God's word in your life?*

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## PRAYER

*Respond to God in prayer.*



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DAY 83

Genesis  
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### Questions for Deeper Reflection:

1. What is the significance of Joseph's brothers bowing down before him with their faces to the ground (v.5; cf. v.9)? What earlier event does this hark back to? What does it teach you about God? [*\*Hint:* See Gen 37:5-10.]
2. Why do you think Joseph tested his brothers (vv.8-20)? What does Joseph's response in verse 24 reveal about his heart toward his guilt-stricken brothers?
3. How easy is it for you to forgive others who may have sinned against you? Are you one who tends to hold grudges against others? What do you intend to do about it?

## SCRIPTURE

*Take time to meditate on the scriptures for the day.*

**Genesis 42:27-38**

## OBSERVATION

*What are some insights and reflections from the passage?*

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## APPLICATION

*What is one specific and practical way you can apply God's word in your life?*

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## PRAYER

*Respond to God in prayer.*



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**DAY 84**

**Genesis  
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### Questions for Deeper Reflection:

1. What do you think God, through the ploys of Joseph (vv.8-20, 25), is seeking to do to the brothers (v.28)? What does this reveal about God's heart for his people?
2. Joseph's brothers' exclamation, "What is this that God has done to us?" (v.28) clearly reveals their belief in the sovereignty of God. How much do you believe that God is sovereign over all things? Why is this a doctrine that you can rejoice and find comfort in?
3. What are some evidences of a change of heart in Joseph's brothers that you can observe in this chapter? How does this change of heart come about? What can you learn from this?

## REFLECTION

*What are the top three key things that God said to me in the past two weeks in light of what has happened?*

(Type here)

## RESPOND

*What are the things I need to do in light of what God is saying?*

(Type here)

## PRAYER

*Respond to God in prayer.*

(Type here)



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**DAY 85**

**Genesis  
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## SCRIPTURE

*Take time to meditate on the scriptures for the day.*

## OBSERVATION

*What are some insights and reflections from the passage?*

(Type here)

### Genesis 43:1-14

#### About Genesis 43

Genesis 43 continues where Genesis 42 left off. Because of the ongoing famine in the land, Jacob reluctantly allows his beloved Benjamin to accompany his sons to make another trip to Egypt to purchase more grain. Perhaps to their utter astonishment, Joseph warmly receives them and showered exceptional favour toward their youngest brother, Benjamin.

## APPLICATION

*What is one specific and practical way you can apply God's word in your life?*

(Type here)

## PRAYER

*Respond to God in prayer.*



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DAY 86

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### Questions for Deeper Reflection:

1. What lesson(s) can you learn from Jacob's 'prayer' in verse 14? In what way(s) is his 'prayer' similar to that of Esther (Esther 4:16) and Jesus (Luke 22:42)?
2. What does Judah's pledge for Benjamin reveal about the change that has taken place in the man (vv.8-10)? What does this teach you about the transforming power of God's grace? [Hint: See Gen 37:26-32; 38:2, 11-24.]
3. Take a moment to reflect upon the transforming power of God's grace in your own life. How has your life changed since you came to faith in Christ?

## SCRIPTURE

*Take time to meditate on the scriptures for the day.*

**Genesis 43:15-34**

## OBSERVATION

*What are some insights and reflections from the passage?*

(Type here)

## APPLICATION

*What is one specific and practical way you can apply God's word in your life?*

(Type here)

## PRAYER

*Respond to God in prayer.*



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**DAY 87**

**Genesis  
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### Questions for Deeper Reflection:

1. What can you learn from the way Joseph lavished love upon his brothers in spite of what they had done to him? In what way(s) is this parallel (albeit on an infinitely smaller scale!) to our Lord's love for us?
2. How did the brothers react to Joseph's obvious favouritism and preferential treatment shown to Benjamin during dinner (v.34)? How does this contrast to how they responded to Joseph being favoured by Jacob (cf. Gen 37:3-4)?
3. How well are you able to forgive others or treat others well even before they ask you for forgiveness? How can you imitate our Lord's example in this regard? [Hint: See Matt 6:12, 14; Eph 4:32; Col 3:13.]

## SCRIPTURE

*Take time to meditate on the scriptures for the day.*

## OBSERVATION

*What are some insights and reflections from the passage?*

(Type here)

### Genesis 44:1-17

#### About Genesis 44

After the highs that the brothers experienced in the previous chapter, Genesis 43 records for us the final test that Joseph put forward to his brothers in bid to see whether or not they had truly reformed. This final test involved their youngest brother, Benjamin – and it is a test that the brothers (esp. Judah) movingly passed with flying colours!

## APPLICATION

*What is one specific and practical way you can apply God's word in your life?*

(Type here)

## PRAYER

*Respond to God in prayer.*



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DAY 88

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#### Questions for Deeper Reflection:

1. What do you think Joseph was seeking to accomplish in arranging for his cup to be placed in Benjamin's sack and insisting that only Benjamin be kept back? What does this reveal about God's heart for his people?
2. In what way(s) does the response of the brothers upon seeing the cup in Benjamin's sack (vv.6-13) reveal that they had truly changed (cf. Gen 37:29-35)? In what way(s) are you exhibiting the fruit of repentance in your life?
3. Does Judah's response in verse 16 indicate that the brothers were guilty of the charge of theft? If not, what specific guilt does Judah have in mind? What do you think God is seeking to accomplish in all this?

## SCRIPTURE

*Take time to meditate on the scriptures for the day.*

**Genesis 44:18-34**

## OBSERVATION

*What are some insights and reflections from the passage?*

(Type here)

## APPLICATION

*What is one specific and practical way you can apply God's word in your life?*

(Type here)

## PRAYER

*Respond to God in prayer.*



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**DAY 89**

**Genesis  
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### Questions for Deeper Reflection:

1. In what way(s) does Judah's lengthy speech in response to Joseph indicate that he has truly changed (vv.18-34)? [Hint: See Gen 37:3-4, 26-28.]
2. What can you learn from Judah's action in putting himself on the line on behalf of Benjamin (vv.33-34)? Where is this great act of selfless love and sacrifice most clearly seen or best epitomised? [Hint: Mark 10:45; John 10:11; 15:13; Rom 5:8; 2 Cor 5:21.]
3. What are some practical ways in which you can lay down your life for others? [Hint: See John 15:13; 1 John 3:16.]

## SCRIPTURE

*Take time to meditate on the scriptures for the day.*

## OBSERVATION

*What are some insights and reflections from the passage?*

(Type here)

## Genesis 45:1-15

### About Genesis 45

After the suspense of chapters 42–44, Genesis 45 is, in many ways, the climax of the narrative. Here, we witness the long-awaited disclosure of Joseph's identity to his brothers and the heart-warming reconciliation of the once-estranged brothers. The chapter concludes with Pharaoh's gracious invitation for Joseph's brothers to settle in Egypt – even generously providing them with provisions for their journey to retrieve their father, Jacob.

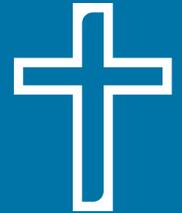
## APPLICATION

*What is one specific and practical way you can apply God's word in your life?*

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## PRAYER

*Respond to God in prayer.*



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DAY 90

Genesis  
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### Questions for Deeper Reflection:

1. How could Joseph say to his brothers, “You sold me here” (v.5) and “It was not you who sent me here, but God” (v.8) in the same breath? What can you learn from this?
2. Joseph forgave his brothers in spite of how they had treated him in the past. How should you, as a believer, respond to the hurts and offenses in your life? What do you think makes forgiveness possible? [*\*Hint:* See Matt 18:21-35; Eph 4:32; Col 3:13.]
3. What was God's purpose in all that happened in Joseph's life (vv.5-8)? What does this teach you about God? Why can you find refuge in this? [*\*Hint:* See Rom 8:28-29; Eph 1:11b.]

## SCRIPTURE

*Take time to meditate on the scriptures for the day.*

**Genesis 45:16-28**

## OBSERVATION

*What are some insights and reflections from the passage?*

(Type here)

## APPLICATION

*What is one specific and practical way you can apply God's word in your life?*

(Type here)

## PRAYER

*Respond to God in prayer.*



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**DAY 91**

**Genesis  
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### Questions for Deeper Reflection:

1. What are some ways in which you see God's promise to Abraham (Gen 12:1-3) fulfilled (at least partially!) in the Joseph narrative in general or this passage in particular?
2. Why do you think Joseph instructed his brothers not to quarrel on their way home (v.27)?
3. What do you think convinced Jacob to agree to go to Egypt after his initial unbelief when informed that Joseph was still alive (vv.25-28)? What more sure and certain guide do we have as believers in discerning God's will? What are you doing about this foundational means of grace that God has given to believers?

## SCRIPTURE

Take time to meditate on the scriptures for the day.

## OBSERVATION

What are some insights and reflections from the passage?

(Type here)

### Genesis 46:1-27

#### About Genesis 46

Genesis 46 continues the narrative by recording the migration of Jacob and his family to Egypt. While at Beersheba, God appeared to him in a vision and encouraged him to go down to Egypt – assuring him that he will also bring him back to the land of Canaan. The chapter includes a record of the names of Jacob's family before concluding with the family's successful arrival at Goshen in Egypt.

## APPLICATION

What is one specific and practical way you can apply God's word in your life?

(Type here)

## PRAYER

Respond to God in prayer.



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# DAY 92

## Genesis Daily Devotional Journal

### Questions for Deeper Reflection:

1. What do you think is the significance and purpose of God's appearance to Jacob at this point of his life (vv.1-4)? What can you learn about God from this? [\*Hint: See Gen 28:15; 31:13; 35:12; cf. 12:1-3.]
2. How has God's Word and promises helped you to overcome your fears and to step out in faith to the things he has called you to do?
3. What is the significance of the genealogy of Jacob in this passage (vv.8-27)? What does it reveal about God? [\*Hint: See Gen 12:2; 15:5; 17:6, 16; 18:18; 22:17; 26:4, 24; 28:14; 32:12; 35:11; 46:3; 48:4, 19.]

## SCRIPTURE

*Take time to meditate on the scriptures for the day.*

## OBSERVATION

*What are some insights and reflections from the passage?*

(Type here)

## Genesis 46:28 – 47:12

### About Genesis 47

Genesis 47 records Pharaoh's warm and receptive welcome to Jacob and his family upon their arrival in Egypt – and their settlement in the land of Goshen. The chapter also records the intensification of the famine across the land of Egypt and Canaan. Only Joseph's wise administration over the affairs of the land prevented a nationwide disaster. The chapter concludes with Jacob's solemn instruction to Joseph to return his body back to Canaan.

## APPLICATION

*What is one specific and practical way you can apply God's word in your life?*

(Type here)

## PRAYER

*Respond to God in prayer.*



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# DAY 93

## Genesis Daily Devotional Journal

### Questions for Deeper Reflection:

1. What is the significance of Jacob sending Judah ahead of him as the family's representative? [*\*Hint*: Consider who normally should have been the family's representative.]
2. How did Joseph react when he saw his father, Jacob? Why did he react the way he did? What does this reveal about human relationships and longings? Is there someone whom you need to be reconciled or reunited with?
3. What are some possible reasons why Joseph sought to settle his father, brothers, and relatives in the land of Goshen, away from the Egyptians (Gen 26:31-34)? What was his concern? What can you learn from this?

## SCRIPTURE

*Take time to meditate on the scriptures for the day.*

**Genesis 47:13-31**

## OBSERVATION

*What are some insights and reflections from the passage?*

(Type here)

## APPLICATION

*What is one specific and practical way you can apply God's word in your life?*

(Type here)

## PRAYER

*Respond to God in prayer.*



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**DAY 94**

**Genesis  
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### Questions for Deeper Reflection:

1. What is the significance of the fact that Israel was “fruitful and numerous” (v.27)? What does this reveal about God and his purposes? [Hint: See Gen 1:28, etc.]
2. Why did Jacob solemnly instruct Joseph to promise to not bury him in Egypt, but rather together with his fathers when he dies (vv.28-31)? What does it reveal about Jacob and his faith? [Hint: See Gen 46:3-4.]
3. What are some lessons you can learn about faith from this passage? How can you apply this in your life? [Hint: Heb 11:13-16.]

## SCRIPTURE

Take time to meditate on the scriptures for the day.

## OBSERVATION

What are some insights and reflections from the passage?

(Type here)

## Genesis 48:1-22

### About Genesis 48

Genesis 48 records Jacob's adoption of Joseph's sons, Ephraim and Manasseh, as his very own. Jacob blesses his two grandsons and, in spite of Joseph's protest, gives the greater blessing to the younger brother, Ephraim. The chapter concludes with Jacob acknowledging his imminent death and assurance to Joseph that God will bring him back to the land.

## APPLICATION

What is one specific and practical way you can apply God's word in your life?

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## PRAYER

Respond to God in prayer.



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DAY 95

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### Questions for Deeper Reflection:

1. What is the significance of Jacob recounting to Joseph what God had said to him (vv.3-4) especially in light of his impending death (vv.1, 21)? What does it reveal about God and his promises? [*\*Hint:* See Gen 12:1-3, 7.]
2. What are some glorious truths you can learn about God from Jacob's blessing (vv.15-16)? How have you experienced these in your life? Take a moment to thank God for his goodness in your life. [*\*Hint:* See Psalm 23.]
3. Why did Joseph protest when Jacob bestowed the greater blessing upon Ephraim instead of Manasseh? What does it reveal about the basis of God's choice / how God works? In what way(s) is this similar to our salvation in Christ? [*\*Hint:* See Deut 7:7-9; 1 Cor 1:27-29; Eph 2:8-9.]

## SCRIPTURE

*Take time to meditate on the scriptures for the day.*

## OBSERVATION

*What are some insights and reflections from the passage?*

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### Genesis 49:1-28

#### About Genesis 49

Having focused on the blessing of Joseph's two sons in the precious chapter, Genesis 49 continues by recording the blessing that Jacob gave to each of his twelve sons. Having blessed them, Jacob then solemnly gave them instructions to bury him together with his fathers in the field that Abraham had bought. The chapter concludes with the death of the great patriarch.

## APPLICATION

*What is one specific and practical way you can apply God's word in your life?*

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## PRAYER

*Respond to God in prayer.*



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DAY 96

Genesis  
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#### Questions for Deeper Reflection:

1. Genesis 49 records Jacob's blessing of each of his twelve sons, who will make up the (twelve tribes!) nation of Israel. What strikes you most about these twelve sons and God's choice of them to be his people?
2. In what way(s) does God's choice of these sons of Jacob to be his treasured possession encourage you – especially as you reflect upon your past sins and failures? Take a moment to thank God for his grace!
3. What is the significance of the prophecy over Judah (vv.8-12)? What elements of this prophecy do you see fulfilled in Jesus the Messiah, who would come from the very line of Judah (Matt 1:1-17)?

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## OBSERVATION

*What are some insights and reflections from the passage?*

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### Genesis 49:29 – 50:14

#### About Genesis 50

The final chapter of the book of Genesis can be divided into two halves. The first half records the mourning for and embalming of the recently deceased Jacob – as well as Pharaoh's agreement to allow Joseph to make the journey back to Canaan to bury his father. The second half of the book turns to record the final days in the life of Joseph. It includes the moving account of Joseph's reconciliation with his still guilt-stricken brothers as well as Joseph's final words of instructions to his brothers for his own burial. The book concludes with the death of Joseph.

## APPLICATION

*What is one specific and practical way you can apply God's word in your life?*

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## PRAYER

*Respond to God in prayer.*



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# DAY 97

## Genesis Daily Devotional Journal

### Questions for Deeper Reflection:

1. What do you think is the theological significance of the author recording Jacob's instructions to his sons regarding his burial? What part does it contribute to the overall narrative? [\*Hint: See Gen 12:1-3, 7.]
2. In what way(s) does Joseph exemplify the command to honor one's parents (Exod 20:12; Deut 5:16; Eph 6:2)? How can you practically show honor to your parents?
3. Although God is not mentioned in this passage, what attribute or characteristic of God stands out in the events recorded in verses 12-14? How does this encourage you? [\*Hint: See Gen 46:1-4.]

## SCRIPTURE

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**Genesis 50:15-26**

## OBSERVATION

What are some insights and reflections from the passage?

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## APPLICATION

What is one specific and practical way you can apply God's word in your life?

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## PRAYER

Respond to God in prayer.



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**DAY 98**

**Genesis  
Daily  
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### Questions for Deeper Reflection:

1. What important truths and lessons can you learn from Joseph's words to his brothers: *"You planned evil against me; God planned it for good to bring about the present result – the survival of many people"* (v.20)? What does this teach you about God and his purposes? In what way(s) does this bring encouragement to you?
2. What are some important lessons you can learn from Joseph's response to his fearful brothers, *"Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God?"* (v.19)? Are there hurts or offences that you need to entrust into God's hands?
3. Reflecting upon what you have read from the Joseph narrative (Gen 37–50), what are some ways in which Joseph foreshadows or points to Christ?