

The Heart of the Matter

12. Since Jacob's beginning years were so riddled with schemes and deceptions, why was God so good to Jacob in his final years? How has God been good to you?

13. If God were calling you, rather than Jacob, what would He be asking you to leave behind? What would He want you to take with you for the journey?

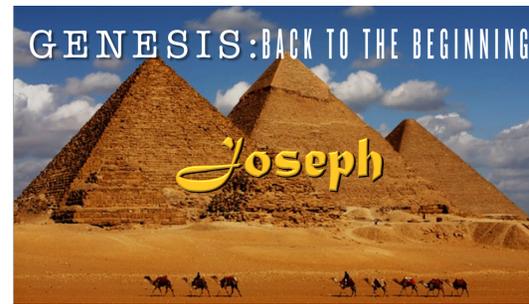
14. Loyalty and kindness were strong qualities of Joseph. How do you demonstrate loyalty and kindness to those around you? With your family? With your friends? With your employer?

15. To the very end Jacob demonstrated a life that was devoted to worshipping God. What changes in your life do you need to make right now to increase your devotion and worship of God?

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Life Group Study Guide

Living a Life of Worship Genesis 46:1 - 48:22 For the Week of September 16, 2018

Getting Started

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling?

2. Do you have a favorite childhood memory about someone special in your life, such as a parent or grandparent? Were you ever a "favorite"?

3. Have you ever feared a move you had to make to another place? How did God comfort and guide you?

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Digging Deeper

4. What concerns Jacob as he prepares to leave Canaan and meet the long-lost Joseph? How does God speak to these concerns?

5. How was Jacob's preparation and meeting with Joseph like, and unlike, his long awaited reunion with Esau?

6. How does the reunion of Joseph and his father Jacob, after 22 years apart, bring joy as well as brokenness?

7. At the beginning of chapter 47 what is so significant about Jacob finally meeting Pharaoh? What is so significant about Jacob blessing Pharaoh?

8. Looking ahead to Exodus 1:7, how does Joseph set the stage for prosperity?

9. The first-born son is not always the one who receives the blessing in our study of Genesis. What does this teach you about how God chooses his servants?

10. Why does Jacob make Joseph promise to bury him in Canaan? Does it matter to you where you might be laid to rest?

11. To Pharaoh, Jacob describes his own life as a pilgrimage. What metaphor would you use to describe your life? (a race, a battle, a puzzle, etc.)