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**ROOTS**  
*A Study in Genesis*



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**LESSON 23 GENESIS 46-47**

1. What truth, verse or insight from last week's study of **Genesis 41-45** has been helpful to you and why?
  
2. As you read **Genesis 46-47**, pray and ask God to reveal fresh awareness of His providence and provision in your life.
  
3. a) In **Genesis 46:1** we see that Jacob stopped in Beersheba before entering Egypt. What thoughts may he have wrestled with concerning his decision to uproot his entire family and move to Egypt, and what did he do in Beersheba?  
  
b) What steps do you take when at the crossroads of a big decision? How do you seek God's guidance? Share of a time you wrestled with a big decision and how you moved forward.
  
4. Read **Genesis 46:2-4**. What truths and promises did God speak to Jacob in a vision to encourage him?
  
5. As you read of Jacob's journey, including all the family members going with him in **V5-27**, what details catch your attention?
  
6. With God's blessing, Jacob moved his family to Egypt. Describe his reunion with his beloved son, Joseph, in **V28-30**. Have you ever witnessed or experienced something similar? Explain.

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7. Read **Genesis 46:31- 47:2**. Given what the Egyptians thought of shepherds (**Genesis 46:34b**), do you think that Joseph was embarrassed to introduce his brothers to Pharaoh? Why or why not? How do you see Joseph extending grace toward his brothers and family?
8. Read **Genesis 47:3-10**. In response to Jacob's and his family's obedience in moving to Egypt, they now have the opportunity to stand before Pharaoh.
- How would you characterize the meeting between Pharaoh and Joseph's brothers?
  - What does Pharaoh offer Joseph's family, and what does that say about how he views Joseph?
  - What is Jacob's response to meeting Pharaoh?
9. Read **Genesis 47:11-12**. How would you describe Joseph's character as it relates to how he treated his father, brothers and his extended family? Can you describe a time when someone expressed extravagant generosity and grace towards you or your family?
10. As the famine became increasingly severe, Joseph put a plan into action that ultimately led the people to declare that he had saved their lives.
- Read **Genesis 47:13-24**. What three things did the people surrender in exchange for food? What was the final step in his plan (**V23-24**), and why do you think he didn't just give the people a handout?
  - What Godly character traits do you see in Joseph in how he handled the worsening situation?

11. Re-read **Genesis 46:3-4 and 47:27**. In obedience to God, Jacob moved his family to Egypt. What promise do you see fulfilled in these verses as a result of his obedience?
12. Rather than allowing the **ROOT** of bitterness to grow, Joseph showed faithfulness to God and extravagant kindness to his family. Is there someone in your life towards whom you could extend this type of kindness (perhaps instead of harboring bitterness)? What would that look like?
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**“GOSPEL GLIMPSES”**: Throughout the Book of Genesis, we will see previews of Jesus, and a foreshadowing of the Gospel (the Salvation Story).

1. In our passage we see how Joseph provided food for his family and all the people in and around Egypt at the height of the famine. What connections do you see to Jesus in the following passages? (Give both similarities and differences.)

- **Luke 9:10-17**

- **John 6:26-35**

2. What other “Gospel Glimpses” do you see so far in how Joseph’s life foreshadows Christ?
3. Joseph was careful and wise, yet unashamed in how he presented his father and shepherd brothers to the Pharaoh. From **Hebrews 2:11**, what amazes you about how Jesus views us given the great chasm between us and Him?

4. a) Write out the Suggested Memory Verse: **John 6:35**

b) Write a prayer based on Question 12 or any part of this lesson.

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**PRAYER REQUEST**