

OUT OF THE PIT

WEEK 9 HOMEWORK

DAY 1

1. Read Genesis 46. Revisit the family tree you drew in week one. Add Jacob's grandchildren to the family tree.
2. Can you imagine moving your family of 70 people that distance without modern transportation at age 130. How do you imagine God's words to Jacob in his dream made the transition more manageable?
3. Compare Jacob's words in Genesis 46:30 with his words in Genesis 37:34-35 and 42:38. In your own words, describe Joseph's reunion with his father.

DAY 2

1. Read Genesis 47. List the ways Joseph is providing for his family. What seems to be motivating his generosity?
2. How do you think Pharaoh would rate Joseph in a performance review? How do you think his experiences have prepared him for this?

DAY 3

1. Read Genesis 48-49. Consider how Joseph's sons upbringing has been different than his own.

2. With those differences in mind, why do you think Jacob insists on “adopting” Joseph’s sons as his own?
3. Write the names of each of the 12 brothers and a key phrase or two from their blessings. Each of their blessings seem to be drawn from their behaviors and life experiences. If you had to write a blessing based on your own life, what would it be?

DAY 4

1. Read Genesis 50. What do you imagine it felt like for all the brothers to travel together to bury their father back in Canaan?
2. Do you think the brothers are being truthful in the message they send to Joseph in verses 16-17?
3. Why does Joseph weep when their message arrives? What do you imagine might be going through his head?

DAY 5

1. Reread Genesis 50. Write out verses 19-21 in your journal. Circle any words or phrases that stand out.
2. Have you ever been hurt or betrayed by someone? Can you imagine saying those same words to him or her? Why or why not?
3. Spend some time praying today, asking God to show you where he wants to bring healing to broken relationships in your life. Write down anything he reveals to you.