**GENESIS**

**LESSON 1**

**GENESIS 1 – 2**

1. How would you describe God’s beginning?

What does “in the beginning” in verse 1 mean?

2. In your imagination, what do you picture the earth to look like before God spoke?

3. What kind of emotions do you feel when you hear the words, “And God said”?

4. How can you tell that God is a God of order and detail?

5. What makes man different from everything else God created?

What does that mean?

6. What was the diet for man and all the other creatures in the garden?

7. What was the purpose of the seventh day?

Why is it important to have a day of rest?

Explain God’s definition of rest (Hebrews 4).

8. How did God create man?

Why is God’s breath important in your life?

What was man’s job?

9. What two trees were in the middle of the garden?

Define their differences and apply each tree to your life.

10. Why was a woman made?

How important is the man to woman bond to God?

**LESSON 2**

**GENESIS 3**

1. Why did this chapter change everything for you and the whole world?

2. Describe in your own words what you picture the serpent to be like.

3. Why was the serpent’s question to Eve so crafty?

4. What was the woman’s answer?

How did she “add to” God’s word? (Revelation 22:18-19)

5. Why did Eve gravitate to the serpent’s response in verse 5?

What was so appealing about its words?

6. How did she justify her decision and disobedience?

7. List as many things as you can of all that changed for Adam, Eve, and you.

8. List the individual curses put on Adam, Eve, and the serpent.

9. What was the reason Adam and Eve were banished from the garden?

10. In this horrific chapter, where do you still find hope and amazing grace?

**LESSON 3**

**GENESIS 4 - 5**

1. What do you notice already about Cain and Abel?

List their differences.

2. How is God always so reasonable? (vs. 6-7)

3. What happens when a sinful thought festers?

4. What were Cain’s consequences?

What was his “typical” reaction?

5. How do you still see God’s unconditional love for Cain?

6. How did Cain’s line continue?

How critical is your influence on your next generation?

7. What does it mean when Adam had a son in his own likeness?

8. What do you know about a man named Enoch?

9. What does chapter 5:29 remind you about God?

10. What kind of heart does it take to call on the name of the Lord?

What kind of heart will not?

**LESSON 4**

**GENESIS 6 - 8**

1. What started to happen as the population increased?

2. Read 2 Corinthians 6:14-15.

What is God very firm about?

Why?

What were the consequences? (Genesis 6:5-7)

3. What does it mean to find favor in the eyes of the Lord?

Do you?

4. What was the purpose of the ark?

5. What were God’s strict instructions to Noah about the ark and its contents?

6. Why was Noah called a righteous man? (6:22)

7. What did God say He was going to do to the earth and everyone in it?

Exactly what DID He do?

8. Why is chapter 8:1 so comforting and amazing, not only for Noah, but also for you?

9. What did Noah have to wait for? (8:15-16)

Do you think that had to be difficult?

10. What did God say in His heart when this was all over?

**LESSON 5**

**GENESIS 9**

1. After Noah’s sacrifice, what was the first thing God did and instructed Noah and his family to do?

2. Given all authority, what was Noah’s responsibility?

3. Is life important to the Lord?

4. What is a covenant?

What covenant did God make with Noah and his descendants?

What was the sign?

5. To whom do all Old Testament covenants point?

6. Who were the three sons of Noah?

How mind-boggling is verse 19?

7. What happened to Noah?

8. How did the sons handle it?

9. How can your behavior in a delicate situation truly expose your heart’s condition?

10. How did Noah handle each son?

**LESSON 6**

**GENESIS 10 - 11**

1. What goes through your mind when you read chapter 10?

2. What was the purpose of building the tower?

On a personal level, how is that concept dangerous?

3. What is a chilling reminder in verse 5?

4. What does God know about human nature?

5. What was God’s plan to squash this idea?

Who is “us” in verse 7?

6. What were the results?

7. What sparks your attention when you get to verse 26?

Do you truly believe God has a plan in these verses?

Why would you ever doubt His plan for you?

8. What information do you know already about Sarai?

9. Why do you think God chose Abram from all of these men?

10. Look at your life – what has God planned for you to do for the expansion of His kingdom?

**LESSON 7**

**GENESIS 12**

1. How do you know that God was already working in Abram’s heart?

2. What would it take for Abram or you to be obedient to God’s command?

3. What did God promise Abram?

4. Why did God give Abram reassurance in verses 6-7?

What was the reassurance?

5. What is fear? When you have to face your fear or the unknown, what is your verse of assurance?

6. What was the reason for building an altar to the Lord?

7. How did Abram face his fear in verses 10–13?

Why is this example “off the spiritual track”?

8. How would you have felt if you were Sarai?

9. How did God come through for the sake of His covenant to Abram?

10. What kind of godly witness was Abram?

Why is the way you live your life so important?

**LESSON 8**

**GENESIS 13 - 14**

1. Where did Abram go back to?

What did that place signify?

2. Why is “Bethel” Abram’s and your place of humility?

3. What does James 4:1-3 say about why quarrels and fights start among you and others?

4. What did Lot want?

What enticed him?

5. Describe how sin pulls you farther and farther into its trap (from 13:12; 14:12; and 19:1)

6. For more and more power, what happened to Lot in all of the war mess?

7. How did Abram take action?

8. Who was Melchizedek, and what did he do for Abram?

9. What did the King of Sodom want to give Abram?

10. What was Abram’s response and why?

**LESSON 9**

**GENESIS 15 - 16**

1. How do the two words “I am” make you feel?

How is the Lord your great reward?

2. Does the Lord always make sense to you?

Does He need to?

Why?

3. When the Lord doesn’t make sense to you, how do these three words in 15:5-6 change your perspective?

4. How did God start to set the story of Israel to Abram?

5. What is a covenant?

What do you know about when God makes one?

What is one of your favorite covenants He has made with you?

6. Why was Sarai’s plan logical, but not right?

What lesson do you want to learn here?

7. Why and how did Abram and Sarai disconnect with God?

What were the consequences?

8. What did the angel tell Hagar to do?

What did the angel promise – yet, warn?

9. What did all of this do for Hagar’s relationship to the Lord?

10. How can horrific situations and sufferings result in ultimate joy?

Can you think of how that happened to you?

**LESSON 10**

**GENESIS 17 – 18:15**

1. Do you always see God’s fulfilled promises right away?

Why is waiting a good thing?

2. Why did God change Abram’s name?

What did He confirm about His covenant?

3. What did Abraham have to do to keep God’s covenant?

4. What did God also say about Sarai?

What was Abraham’s response?

5. What does it mean to doubt?

6. Why is doubting so easy?

What does God clearly say about it?

Matthew 14:31

John 20:27

James 1:6

Read Proverbs 3:5-6

7. When Abraham saw the three visitors, why did he humble himself before them?

8. What did he prepare for these guests?

9. What did Sarah overhear, and what was her response?

Why?

How did her doubt lead her to sin more?

10. Why is it serious to laugh in the face of God?

(maybe not literally, but have you ever done it?)

**LESSON 11**

**GENESIS 18:16–19**

1. Why was God going to destroy Sodom and Gomorrah?

Is God serious about sin?

How is He going to deal with it—then, now, and in the future?

2. What did Abraham try to do?

How many were righteous before the Lord in those two cities?

3. How did sin blind Lot and warp his mind?

4. What did the two angels do to come to Lot’s rescue?

5. What kind of response did Lot get when he tried to warn his family to get out of town?

6. What was Lot’s response?

7. What does “mercy” mean?

How was the Lord merciful to Lot and his family?

8. What were the instructions?

What is the danger of even just one longing look back?

9. Why did God save Lot?

10. Just when you didn’t think this story could get any worse, how did it?

What were the consequences?

**LESSON 12**

**GENESIS 20**

1. Why did fear get the best of Abraham again?

How and why does fear get the best of you sometimes?

2. How did God in His mercy save the line of Christ?

3. Why was Abimelech declared innocent by the Lord?

But what was the Lord’s serious warning to him?

4. What did Abimelech say to Abraham?

What was his question to him?

5. What happens when you try to handle your crisis in your own strength and power? (John 5:5)

Is there really such a thing?

Read Galatians 6:3 and Philippians 4:13. What advice do these verses give.

6. Why are the first words of verse 11 the key to Abraham’s whole problem?

7. What were Abraham’s two flimsy excuses for why he lied?

8. What and why did Abimelech give Abraham and Sarah gifts?

9. Compare 20:14-16 with 21:14-24.

10. What should every Christian be reminded of in this chapter?

**LESSON 13**

**GENESIS 21**

1. From verse 1, what are two characteristics of God that you never want to forget?

2. What do you need to be reminded of often about God’s timing?

3. What kind of laughter did Sarah have this time?

What would you be doing right now if you were Sarah?

4. Ishmael was 14 years older than Isaac. What do you see already starting to happen in verse 9?

5. How do you see God’s undeserved favor (grace) again in verses 11–13?

6. When all looked lost and hopeless for Hagar, what did God do for her?

7. What does Philippians 4:19 truly mean to you personally?

Do you really believe that?

8. What did these two important men see in Abraham’s life?

Why would they be skeptical about trusting Abraham?

9. What was the treaty all about?

10. What did Abraham do that was so necessary?

Why?

How often do you do that?

**LESSON 14**

**GENESIS 22 - 23**

1. What is a test from God?

Why is it appropriate and necessary?

2. What is trust?

How did Abraham trust the Lord to this degree?

3. Can you think of why Isaac was so compliant?

What was Isaac’s major question and his response?

4. From this extreme test, what does God know about Abraham?

5. List comparisons between the Father and Jesus, and Abraham and Isaac.

6. What did Abraham call the place where he sacrificed the ram?

Can you think of a place where you can call it that very same thing?

7. How did God prove that He blesses obedience?

8. What did Abraham consider himself in the land of Canaan? What did the Hittites think of Abraham?

9. What was Abraham emphatic about doing?

10. Can you think of why it was so important for Abraham to buy this land and bury his precious wife in Canaan?

**LESSON 15**

**GENESIS 24**

1. What can you say about Abraham’s chief servant?

2. Why was it important to Abraham that Isaac’s wife was from his own country and people? Read 2 Corinthians 6:14–18.

3. What was the servant’s main concern?

What was Abraham’s answer?

4. Why was Abraham so confident of his decision to send his servant?

5. How did the servant accomplish his job after he set out? What did he do first?

6. How was the servant’s fleece request answered?

7. When the answer came so clearly, what did the servant still have to do?

Why is that important and yet hard to do?

8. What was the servant’s response in verse 26?

9. After hearing the servant’s detailed story, how did Laben and Bethuel react to it?

What did Rebekah say? (v. 58)

Describe the emotions of Isaac.

10. How can you know that God was in the middle of this story from the start to the finish?

**LESSON 16**

**GENESIS 25**

1. Were there a few surprises about Abraham in verses 1–6?

What were they?

2. Who buried him and where?

Can a death sometimes bring people together and mend brokenness?

3. Where did Ishmael’s descendants settle?

How was Genesis 16:12 fulfilled?

What do you think that means?

4. Describe Isaac’s twin boys and the nations they would represent.

5. How can two children born from the same parents be so different?

6. What are the dangers of favoritism? Read Romans 2:11.

7. How did life start to go badly for the brothers?

8. What is wrong with what Jacob did and how he did it?

What was his plan?

9. Why didn’t the birthright mean anything to Esau?

10. Without God as the center of your life and its actions, what can you always expect?

**LESSON 17**

**GENESIS 26**

1. What did God promise Isaac in that difficult time?

2. What’s very good about verse 6?

Go searching for various verses that speak of how God commands it.

3. What does command mean?

What did God command in Deuteronomy 6:6-9?

What kind of difference would it make if every believer followed that command?

4. Why did EVERYTHING change so quickly?

5. In verse 7, what threw Isaac off his spiritual course?

6. What do you think was going through Abimelech’s mind in verses 8–9?

7. How can you tell that Abimelech has a healthy fear of Isaac’s God?

8. Describe the whole “well” situation.

9. If Isaac had any doubts in all of this, how did the Lord take them away? (vs. 23-24)

What did Isaac do in response?

How did the Lord prove Himself?

10. Why were the hearts of Isaac and Rebekah broken?

**LESSON 18**

**GENESIS 27**

1. Prove how ugly “self” looks in this story.

2. What is the definition of deceit?

3. How determined was Rebekah?

What was she willing to do?

4. How can you tell that Jacob questioned this plan?

What kind of parental example was Rebekah?

5. What was the slick way she pulled this off?

6. How and why can someone blatantly lie straight in another’s face?

Can it EVER end well?

7. What were Esau’s emotions when he found out what happened?

8. Isaac had more bad news for Esau. What was it?

9. What was Esau’s plan of revenge?

What is the danger when emotions get out of control?

10. And the saga continues.

Where does Rebekah send Jacob?

Why are her emotions out of control?

What has she done to her family?

**LESSON 19**

**GENESIS 28 - 29**

1. Life goes on…what did Isaac instruct Jacob to do?

2. What did Esau do to try to impress his father or get back in his good graces?

Why does a wrong kind of heart just keep complicating the situation with more bad decisions?

3, What do you think was going through Jacob’s mind?

At this point, what had he lost?

4. How was God so gracious to Jacob?

5. What made this experience a life-changing moment for Jacob that he never forgot?

What did he name this place?

6. Why was Jacob so emotional when he met Rachel and learned he had arrived?

7. How did Jacob learn a great lesson about deception?

8. Leah became a baby machine. What did she think that was going to do?

9. Can real love be bought?

10. What did Leah name the son she had after praising the Lord for him?

Why does it fit him just right?

**LESSON 20**

**GENESIS 30 - 31**

1. How did Rachel handle her disappointment in all the wrong ways?

2. How did Leah handle her problem the wrong way?

How did Jacob handle these problems the wrong way?

(vs. 1-16)

3. How does God’s grace continue to amaze you?

(vs. 17–24)

4. What was a huge flaw in Laben’s character?

5. Jacob might have been very talented in animal raising, but where does all the credit lie?

What lesson do you see here?

How do you keep pride away?

6. Why did Laben’s attitude toward Jacob change?

7. What were the Lord’s instructions to Jacob?

8. How can you tell from verses 14-19 that the sisters did not have a solid trust in God?

9. What did Laben accuse Jacob of?

What was Jacob’s defense?

10. What did the two men finally agree to do?

**LESSON 21**

**GENESIS 32 - 33**

1. How are you reminded here that even though you aren’t perfect, God and His love walks with you every step of the way?

2. What did Jacob want Esau to know?

Why?

3. What did fear and distress cause Jacob to do, and what did he say?

4. What did Jacob’s fear still make him do in verses 13–21?

Do you ever think that you need to “help” God out?

What is that a lack of?

5. What was this wrestling match all about?

6. What must God wrestle with and finally break in each of us?

7. How did the first meeting go between Jacob and Esau?

8. How can you tell that Jacob was quite relieved?

9. How did they separate?

Do you think Jacob ever meant to meet up with Esau in Seir?

10. How do you know Jacob intended to stay in Shechem?

Prepare for trouble.

**LESSON 22**

**GENESIS 34 - 35**

Don’t get confused: the name of the city is Shechem, and the

name of Hamor’s son is Shechem.

1. What raises a warning sign when you read the first verse?

2. What kind of man was Shechem? Describe him.

3. What troubles you about Jacob’s actions in verse 5?

4. Lying has become very easy for this clan. What plan did Jacob’s sons come up with?

5. Why did the men of Shechem think that this was a very good deal to make?

6. How did it turn out?

Was violence the answer here?

Did they ever go to God for advice?

7. What was Jacob concerned about in verse 30?

Have they stayed in Shechem too long? Why?

How can your environment affect your life?

8. God stepped in. Where did He tell Jacob to return to?

Why is it necessary to “clean house” sometimes?

What does that mean?

9. Where was Rachel buried?

10. Is this one messed up family or what? Is there still hope?

Why did God change Jacob’s name to Israel?

**LESSON 23**

**GENESIS 36 - 37**

1. What does it mean when you know that Esau was the father of the Edomites?

How does your character and faith have a say in all of your life’s decisions?

2. Where did Jacob live?

3. How do you know that 37:3 is going to produce all kinds of trouble?

4. Basically, what did Joseph’s dream mean?

How did his brothers receive this information?

5. Why is jealously so dangerous?

How can you get rid of it?

6. What was Reuben’s plan?

Did it work?

What happened instead?

Which brother thought of that plan?

7. How much did the brothers sell him for?

8. What did the brothers do with Joseph’s coat?

What could make them do such a cruel thing?

9. How did Jacob, like any parent, react to this news?

What happens when your emotions get bigger than your

faith?

10. Meanwhile, what happened to Joseph?

**LESSON 24**

**GENESIS 38**

1. What could cause Judah to go so far away from his family and God?

2. What do you think his life was like for many years after being a part of selling Joseph into slavery?

3. How was Tamar determined that she continue Judah’s line when he certainly wasn’t?

4. Judah was in a very dark place spiritually. How could everything have been different if he would have put Romans 12:2 into practice? The principle was just the same then as it is now.

5. What lesson do you see in this story about choosing to remain in a dark spiritual place without your Bible and without your daily appointment with Him?

6. How did Tamar cover all her bases?

7. Why couldn’t Judah’s friend find that certain shrine prostitute?

8. What was Judah so quick to do when he heard about Tamar being guilty of prostitution?

9. How did Judah react to the truth?

Do you think that this was a real turning point in Judah’s life?

10. What was unique about the birth of the twins?

**LESSON 25**

**GENESIS 39 - 40**

1. When life looks overwhelming, with no hope, how does verse 2 bring you back to what you know is true?

2. Do you think Joseph had any idea how God was working behind the scenes to get His will accomplished?

How was God doing this?

3. Describe Joseph’s looks and character.

4. What was Joseph’s reasoning for refusing Potipher’s wife?

5. What does it feel like to be falsely accused and punished for something you didn’t do?

6. List the details of God’s hand working from 39:20–23 and

40:1–5.

7. How did Joseph notice that there was something wrong with Pharoah’s two officials?

8. Describe the two dreams.

9. What did the dreams mean?

10. What did Joseph ask the cupbearer to do? Did he?

**LESSON 26**

**GENESIS 41**

1. At this point, why do you feel sorry for Joseph?

2. What were Pharoah’s dreams about?

How were they different, yet the same?

3. What did the cupbearer say to Pharoah when no one could interpret his dream?

4. What did Joseph admit to Pharoah about his ability to interpret dreams?

5. How did Joseph explain to Pharoah what God was going to do to the land of Egypt and Canaan.

6. What did Pharoah have to admit in verses 39–40?

7. What kind of power did Pharoah give Joseph?

8. When you know you’re going to have difficult times, how can you plan for them?

What does John 16:33 say?

9. When the hard times came, what did Pharoah tell the people of Egypt to do?

Was Joseph ready and prepared?

10. Do you think Joseph had any idea of what was still going to happen?

What did Paul say in Philippians 4:12-13 about when life takes all kinds of turns and when we have to face the unknown?

**LESSON 27**

**GENESIS 42**

1. Did Jacob’s other sons seem to know how to handle difficulties?

What did Jacob ask them?

2. What was Jacob’s game plan for 10 of his sons?

Why not for Benjamin?

3. Describe Joseph’s position.

How did he have the surprise of his life?

4 As Joseph’s brothers bowed to him, what did Joseph remember?

5. How did Joseph engage in conversation with his brothers?

What was Joseph’s demand?

6. What did the brothers feel that they were being paid back for?

7. Which brother did Joseph keep back, and how did he send the others on their way?

When and why did their hearts sink?

8. How did these nine men try to explain all of this to their father?

9. How did Reuben try to calm Jacob down?

10. What were Jacob’s final words on the subject in this chapter?

**LESSON 28**

**GENESIS 43 - 44**

1. When the food was gone, how did Judah have to try to reason with his father?

2. What did Judah finally offer Jacob?

What did Jacob finally resolve to do?

3. When Joseph saw Benjamin with his brothers, what did he tell his steward to do?

4. What were the brothers convinced Joseph was going to do to them?

What happened instead?

5. How affected was Joseph when he was up close to Benjamin?

6. Why were they all served differently?

What was Benjamin served?

7. What was Joseph’s plan as the brothers were leaving to return to Canaan?

8. When the cup was found in Benjamin’s sack, name a few

emotions that you know the brothers were feeling.

9. What did Judah attempt to do in detail?

10. Do you think chapter 38 had anything to do with Judah’s humble spirit?

How?

**LESSON 29**

**GENESIS 45 - 47**

1. What were the depths of Joseph’s emotions in 45:1-2?

2. Why were the brothers terrified to know it was truly Joseph?

3. What did Joseph reassure his brothers about regarding God’s plan?

What had God opened Joseph’s eyes to see?

4. What were Joseph’s instructions on how to explain this to their father? (45:9-13)

5. How did Pharoah react to all of this news?

6. What did God promise Jacob to make sure he knew this wasn’t just a dream?

7. How many were in Jacob’s family in Egypt?

Why is the beginning of this nation SO important?

8. Why was Joseph wanting to get his family to Goshen?

How well were they provided for?

9. How did Joseph save the people during the worst of times?

10. What was Jacob’s final request to Joseph?

**LESSON 30**

**GENESIS 48 - 49:28**

1. What did Jacob make sure Joseph knew before he died?

2. Why was Joseph displeased in 45:17?

3. Once again, which son of Joseph got the blessing?

What was Jacob insistent about? (48:19)

4. Going back to Genesis 27, why do you think Jacob could have been having a flashback?

5. Where did Jacob tell Joseph that God would lead him and take him back to?

6. When Jacob blesses his sons (also prophesied) what did he know about each one? List them.

7. Does God make sure Jacob’s sons know, and that you also know, that there are consequences to sin?

8. Who is Judah’s prophecy a description of?

9. What descriptions of God did Jacob give to prove he had gotten to know his God?

10. When you think of Jesus coming from the line of Judah, and Tamar in the lineage of Jesus in Matthew 1, what does that say about your God?

**LESSON 31**

**GENESIS 49:29 – chapter 50**

1. What were Jacob’s detailed burial instructions?

Why is it like a review of the past chapters?

2. When a loved one passes away, why are memories such a gift?

What were some of Joseph’s memories of his father?

3. What did Pharoah give Joseph permission to do?

What kind of procession was it?

4. After the burial, where did everyone go?

5. What were Joseph’s brothers scared to death about now that Jacob was gone?

6. What little speech did the brothers send on ahead to Joseph?

What was Joseph’s reaction?

7. How did Joseph explain to his brothers about God’s plan.

Do you think that is a sign of spiritual maturity?

8. Do you know if you could do and say exactly what Joseph said to your difficult people?

9. What did Joseph tell his family on his deathbed to reassure them of their next move?

10-. How, like Joseph, do you know what your next move is through life?

**LESSON 32**

**EXODUS 1**

1. What became of the Israelites after Joseph and all his brothers died?

2. What was the new king of Egypt very concerned about?

What did he do about it?

3. What continued to happen exactly the way God told Abraham it would in Genesis 15?

4. How ruthless were the Egyptians to the Israelites?

5. How did the king think that he was going to take care of their population problem?

6. What was the response of the Hebrew midwives?

Why was their response what it was?

7. How did God honor their faithfulness to Him?

8. Seeing that Pharoah’s plan didn’t work, what was his hideous Plan B?

9. How was God working out His purposes?

Does God’s will prevail?

10. And his name was…. ? AND eventually was…?