

SERIES TITLE: Living in God's Story

PART ELEVEN: POWER TO BLESS

TEXT: GENESIS 46-47:10

INTRODUCTION.

This series focuses on the life of Joseph and his brothers. It includes incidents of failure and success, jealousy and integrity, sin and righteousness. Through it all, God's plan prevails. These stories should increase our confidence in God, and our willingness to follow him in all situations.

DISCUSSION.

Share about a big decision you made when you weren't sure it was what God wanted. How did that feel?

Share about a decision when you were sure it was what God wanted. How did you know?

EXAMINATION.

46:1-4 Why would Jacob (Israel) be concerned about leaving Canaan and going to Egypt?

46:5-6 Does it matter that Jacob brought everything despite 45:20? Why or why not?

V46:7-27 What is the significance of the list of names included, and the number total?

46:28-30 Does this reunion play out the way you expected? Why or why not?

46:31-47:6 Why do you think it was important for the family to be located in Goshen?

47:7-10 What right does Jacob have to bless Pharaoh (which he does twice)?

What does Jacob's response in v.9 reveal about his life or his attitude?

APPLICATION.

- What does it mean to bless someone? (Consider these texts: Acts 3:26; Acts 15:33; Romans 12:14; 1 Peter 3:9; Luke 24:50-51)
- What types of experiences, concerns, or attitudes keep us from blessing others?
- Fact: What is a key truth that you understood from this passage?
- React: What did you feel?
- Act: What are you going to do?