



Household devotions...

Genesis 36-41: the records of Esau and Jacob

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Memory verse:

"I am not able to," Joseph answered Pharaoh.
"It is God who will give Pharaoh a favorable answer."

Genesis 41:16

Week 1: Genesis 36

Day 1

- Read verses 1-8.
- Whose family records are these?
- What do you learn?

Day 2

- Read verses 9-19.
- Whose family records are these?
- What do you learn?

Day 3

- Read verses 20-30.
- What do we learn?

Day 4

- Read verses 31-43.
- What do we learn?

Day 5

- Write down one thing you have learned about God, and people, in Esau's family records.

Week 2: Genesis 37

Day 1

- Read verses 1-4.
- Whose family records are these?
- Who do we meet?
- What sounds familiar here?

Day 2

- Read verses 5-11.
- What do we learn about Joseph?
- What do we learn about the family relationships here?

Day 3

- Read verses 12-24.
- How do the family relationships play out?
- How would you describe this family?

Day 4

- Read verses 25-36.
- What happens to Joseph?
- Who also emerges as important?

Day 5

- Read Genesis 15:13-21.
- How do these two chunks fit together?
- What does this show about God, and the family he has committed to?

Week 3: Genesis 38

Day 1

- Read verses 1-10.
- Who are we looking at?
- What do we learn about his family?

Day 2

- Read verses 11-14.
- Where is Tamar?
- What do you think is going on here?

Day 3

- Read verses 15-19.
- What does Judah do?
- What does this reveal about him?

Day 4

- Read verses 20-30.
- What happens?
- What does Judah do, and recognize?

Day 5

- Skim through the chapter again.
- Why do you think God includes this chapter in his word?

Week 4: Genesis 39

Day 1

- Read verses 1-6a.
- What has happened to Joseph?
- What is the explicit reason for this?

Day 2

- Read verses 6b-10.
- What is happening to Joseph?
- How does he respond?
- What development are we seeing in Joseph?

Day 3

- Read verses 11-20.
- What happens to Joseph?
- How does this help us understand the godly life?

Day 4

- Read verses 21-23.
- Where does Joseph end up?
- What happens?
- What is the explicit reason for this?

Day 5

- Skim through the chapter again.
- Why do you think God includes this chapter in his word?

Week 5: Genesis 40

Day 1

- Read verses 1-7.
- What is the scene?
- Why is this important?

Day 2

- Read verses 8.
- What important principle does Joseph establish?
- What are we learning about Joseph as a man?

Day 3

- Read verse 9-15.
- What happens?
- What is important about this scene?

Day 4

- Read verses 16-19.
- What happens?

Day 5

- Read verses 20-23.
- What happens?
- What does this establish/prove?
- Why do you think that God includes this in his word?

Week 6: Genesis 41

Day 1

- Read verses 1-7.
- What is the timeframe, and who are we dealing with?

Day 2

- Read Psalm 8-14.
- Who is remembered?
- How is this information received/used?

Day 3

- Read verses 15-36.
- What does Joseph establish?
- What does Joseph describe?
- What does Joseph advise?

Day 4

- Read verses 37-57.
- What happens to Joseph?
- How wide is Joseph's influence? (vs.57)

Day 5

- Skim over what we have read... and, in light of verse 57 (cf. Gen.12:1-3), why do you think God has included this in his word?