

Genesis

Tell me the story

Lamplighters Women's Bible Study

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Announcements

- Register for next year.
www.lamplightersbiblestudy.com
- Also on the website: summer reading list;
some slides that aren't in the lecture



THE END OF THE BEGINNING...

Genesis 50

1. Jacob's State Funeral Gen. 50:1-14
2. God's Grace Gen. 50:15-22
3. Joseph's Exodus Gen. 50:23-25
4. What's Next? First Love

God's Grace

Gen. 50:15-22

Joseph's response:

- Gracious
- Compassionate
- Humble
- Full of faith
- Generous
- Forgiving



How to Seek Reconciliation

1. Be honest—name your sin specifically.
2. Take full responsibility—no “if”
3. Say, “I was wrong to ...” Be specific.
4. Ask for forgiveness.
5. Leave their response to God.



Grace Upon Grace

- Forgive those who have sinned against you.
- Forgive freely.
- Forgive first.
- Forgive completely.
- Forget.
- Live in freedom.



“ _____ intended _____
for evil, but God intended it for good,
to accomplish what is now being done:
the saving of many lives!”

Gen. 50:20



Joseph's Exodus Gen. 50:23-25

“In” but not “of.”



What's Next?

The big picture of Genesis:

- God is Creator
- Everything was good until Gen. 3
- We are thoroughly infected by sin.
- God promised a Messiah
- God links faith and righteousness



- God is:
 - all-powerful
 - all-present
 - all-knowing
 - sovereign
 - in control
 - ruling and reigning through His
 - providence
 - GRACE**



What's Next?

What binds us together?...Stories!



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First Love
the corinthian letters

Similarities between Joseph and Jesus

- Loved dearly by their fathers
- Shepherds over their fathers' sheep
- Sent by father to find lost brothers
- Hated by brothers
- Royal robes taken from them
- Sold by brothers for the price of a slave
- Taken to Egypt
- Others plotted to harm them
- God was with them
- Tempted but didn't succumb

Similarities between Joseph and Jesus

- Falsely accused
- Placed with 2 other prisoners, one was saved and the other lost
- 30 years old when began public ministry
- Had extensive years of training prior to public ministry
- The means of suffering/death was actually the means of salvation
- Exalted after suffering
- Asked to be rescued from events

Similarities between Joseph and Jesus

- Forgave those who wronged them
- God turned what men did to hurt them for good.
- Many lives have been/are being saved.

Food for Thought

“The fruit of silence is prayer.

The fruit of prayer is faith.

The fruit of faith is love.

The fruit of love is service.

The fruit of service is peace.”

Mother Teresa's
calling card

