

LESSONS THIS QUARTER

- 1) Mar 02.....Gen 28..... Responding with Faith
- 2) Mar 09..... Gen 29-31..... God's Faithfulness
- 3) Mar 16..... Gen 32-33..... Growing Spiritually through Crisis
- 4) Mar 23..... John 20; 1Cor 15..... Easter
- 5) Mar 30..... Gen 34-36..... Commitment
- 6) Apr 06..... Gen 37-38..... Dealing with Hatred
- 7) Apr 13..... Gen 39:1-20..... Temptation
- 8) Apr 20..... Gen 39:21-40:23..... When all Hope seems lost
- 9) Apr 27..... Gen 41..... Challenging Tasks
- 10) May 04..... Gen 42..... Broken Relationships
- 11) May 11..... Gen 43-45..... Reconciliation
- 12) May 18..... Gen 46-47:26..... Making Major Life Adjustments
- 13) May 25..... Gen 47:27-50:26..... Remain Faithful

INTRODUCTION

Passage	Comments
37:1-2	Joseph the snitch – but he had good reason <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bad/evil report ~ same word used to describe the wickedness of Noah’s day (Gen 6:5), and Sodom’s evil men (Gen 13:13) • When is it appropriate to snitch on someone? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Unlawful, dangerous, wicked behavior . Eph 5:11 ◆ E.g., child/spouse abuse, illegal drugs, driving drunk, immoral behavior
37:3-27	Joseph’s favored status and abilities causes problems <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brothers could not speak to him on friendly terms • Joseph’s ability to interpret dreams is an enigma • Tension rises to the point of murder & deception
37:28-36	Jacob, the deceiver, is deceived by his own sons
38:1-11	Judah gets tangled up with Canaanites <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why was it deadly for Onan to “waste his seed” on the ground?..... vv9,10 • Is it a sin today? NO <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Applicable to Israel only ◆ Israel was specifically chosen by God, and they had a direct mandate to multiply 35:11 ◆ Proven lineage was crucial ◆ Men could have multiple wives to fulfill this mandate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Not God’s preferred approach, but He worked with sinful man ▪ Women, thru divorce, could go from one man to another in a sequential fashion, but it was an abomination to go back to a previous husband (prevent frivolous wife-swapping and “who’s your Daddy” syndrome) Deut 24:4
38:12-26	Tamar’s deception <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tamar – to be burnt w/ fire (possibly a daughter of a Priest) Lev 21:9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Some ancient Hebrew texts state Tamar was the daughter of Melchizedek, but this is improvable ◆ Tamar was a Canaanite (and so was Rahab), so Jesus had a double dose of Canaanite blood ◆ Remember: Canaanites were to be utterly destroyed with no mercy.....Deut 7:1-2
38:27-30	Tamar’s Twins

CONCLUSION / APPLICATION FOR TODAY

- Assuming we are behaving ourselves properly, how should we handle things when friends and family think evil of us?
- How should we handle things when our closest friends and family deceive us?
- How high should our morals and integrity be?

SUPPORTING PASSAGES

Deut 7:1-2 When the LORD your God brings you into the land you are entering to possess and drives out before you many nations— the Hittites, Girgashites, Amorites, Canaanites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites, seven nations larger and stronger than you and when the LORD your God has delivered them over to you and you have defeated them, then you must destroy them totally. Make no treaty with them, and show them no mercy.

De 25:5 ¶ If brethren dwell together, and one of them die, and have no child, the wife of the dead shall not marry without unto a stranger: her husband’s brother shall go in unto her, and take her to him to wife, and perform the duty of an husband’s brother unto her.

Le 21:9 When the daughter of a priest profanes herself through prostitution, she profanes her father; she shall be burned to death.

NEXT WEEK



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