

## The Moose Along The Way

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GENESIS 47:2-12

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### Using This Study

#### ❶ EXAMINE His Word

What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

#### ❷ EXPLORE His Word

What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

#### ❸ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.

### Guest Speaker: Pastor Candidate, Kevin McGill

Kevin McGill was born at Merced Castle Air Force Base in California and was raised in Merced, CA. He graduated from Grace Christian Academy and attended Point Loma Nazarene University to study theology and ministry. He earned his Masters of Theology from Dallas Theological Seminary in 2006 and currently lives in Dallas with his wife, Jenny.

## ① EXAMINE His Word

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What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details and terms emphasized in this passage.

### Read Genesis 47:1-12 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup> So Joseph went in and told Pharaoh, “My father and my brothers, with their flocks and herds and all that they possess, have come from the land of Canaan. They are now in the land of Goshen.”

<sup>2</sup> And from among his brothers he took five men and presented them to Pharaoh.

<sup>3</sup> Pharaoh said to his brothers, “What is your occupation?” And they said to Pharaoh, “Your servants are shepherds, as our fathers were.”

<sup>4</sup> They said to Pharaoh, “We have come to sojourn in the land, for there is no pasture for your servants' flocks, for the famine is severe in the land of Canaan. And now, please let your servants dwell in the land of Goshen.”

<sup>5</sup> Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, “Your father and your brothers have come to you.

<sup>6</sup> The land of Egypt is before you. Settle your father and your brothers in the best of the land. Let them settle in the land of Goshen, and if you know any able men among them, put them in charge of my livestock.”

<sup>7</sup> Then Joseph brought in Jacob his father and stood him before Pharaoh, and Jacob blessed Pharaoh.

<sup>8</sup> And Pharaoh said to Jacob, “How many are the days of the years of your life?”

<sup>9</sup> And Jacob said to Pharaoh, “The days of the years of my sojourning are 130 years. Few and evil have been the days of the years of my life, and they have not attained to the days of the years of the life of my fathers in the days of their sojourning.”

<sup>10</sup> And Jacob blessed Pharaoh and went out from the presence of Pharaoh.

<sup>11</sup> Then Joseph settled his father and his brothers and gave them a possession in the land of Egypt, in the best of the land, in the land of Rameses, as Pharaoh had commanded.

<sup>12</sup> And Joseph provided his father, his brothers, and all his father's household with food, according to the number of their dependents.

## ② EXPLORE His Word

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### What does God MEAN?

- (1) Jacob is the grandson of the mighty prince, Abraham (Gen. 23:6) and the inheritor of all of his grandfather's wealth. As you reflect on Genesis 47:3-6, what would it mean for the grandson of a prince to be forced to depend on Pharaoh for land, work, and food?
  
- (2) In Genesis 28:13, God promised Jacob that he would be the father of a powerful nation and a blessing to many. The truth is, Jacob now stands before Pharaoh to receive a handout. How does one reconcile God's promise with Jacob's present circumstance?
  
- (3) In verse 9, Jacob considers his life on earth to be evil. He has not lived up to his father, Isaac, or his grandfather, Abraham. In what way might you agree with this? In what way might you disagree with this? Consider his actions in verse 10.

(4) Read Philippians 1:6. Why is it so easy to lose confidence that what God has started in you, He will finish?

(5) Discuss the many ways self-condemnation is harmful to our faith. For example, when we self-condemn, we assert that God is not powerful enough to fully forgive sins.

In a time of closing prayer, take the opportunity to share with the group areas of your life that you're waiting on God to change. Do this at your own comfort level.

### **③ EMBRACE His Word**

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Why does this MATTER to me?

### **④ LIVE His Word**

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**Summarize your thoughts on the passage.**

Write about what God wants you to KNOW, to FEEL, and to DO.

**Sermon Notes:**