GENESIS 33

"I have seen your face as though I had seen the face of God, and you were pleased with me."

(verse 10b NKJV)

MY THOUGHTS ON VERSE(S) :

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Questions I have: _____

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT:

- ☐ Look back at Gen. 28:20-21. Jacob was about to return to his father's house, which was the last of the conditions that he had placed on God. Remember that in chapter 32, God had to humble Jacob before He could finally bless him. Look at 32:30-31. It's as if God said, "I will bless you, Jacob, with all those things you asked for, but not until you want Me because I'm ME instead of for what I can give you." Look at 33:10. Do you think Jacob would have truly realized the blessings from God's hand if He hadn't first seen God's face?

What this means for me:_____

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GENESIS 34

"And make marriages with us; give your daughters to us, and take our daughters to yourselves."

(verse 9 NKJV)

MY THOUGHTS ON VERSE(S) :

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT:

- ☐ Do you think that Shechem understood the reason that Israel's sons were circumcised, or was he just doing it to get Dinah? How might this apply to your choice of a marriage partner?
- ☐ Whose actions started this whole mess? (verse 1)

What this means for me:_____

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GENESIS 35

"Your name shall not be called Jacob anymore, but Israel shall be your name."
She called his name Ben-Oni [son of my sorrow]; but his father called him Benjamin [son of the right hand].
(verses 10, 18 NKJV)

MY THOUGHTS ON VERSE(S) :

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT:

- ☐ Read Revelation 2:17. God had a special name for Jacob and Abram that they got to hear before they died. Think about what your name might be, because of what Jesus Christ did for you. Isn't having God for a Father amazing?!
- ☐ To see some names that God has already called you, check out Isaiah 43:1, John 15:15, and 1 Peter 2:9.

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GENESIS 36

Esau took his wives from the daughters of Canaan.
(verse 2a NKJV)

This is a tough chapter to read. If you're really struggling with the names, just check out the food for thought, and then read Obadiah.

MY THOUGHTS ON VERSE(S) :

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Questions I have: _____

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT:

- ☐ Look back at Genesis 25:30 to remind yourself how the name *Edom* got stuck to Esau. (In case you don't have a Bible with footnotes, *Edom* means *red*.) Then look at this chapter in verses 1, 8, 31, and 43 to trace how "red" followed Esau and his children for four generations—all because of one foolish act! God, keep us from something similar!

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GENESIS 37

Now Joseph had a dream, and he told it to his brothers; and they hated him even more.

(verse 5 NKJV)

MY THOUGHTS ON VERSE(S) :

Things that stuck out to me:_____

Questions I have: _____

FOOD FOR THOUGHT:

- ☐ What started this whole mess? (verses 3, 5)
- ☐ Why did the mention of Shechem (verse 13) make Jacob nervous? (chapter 34)
- ☐ Have you ever felt like Joseph's brothers? Like Joseph?

What this means for me:_____

GENESIS 38

"Tamar your daughter-in-law has played the harlot…" So Judah said, "Bring her out and let her be burned!"

(verse 24 NKJV)

MY THOUGHTS ON VERSE(S) :

Things that stuck out to me:_____

Questions I have: _____

FOOD FOR THOUGHT:

- ☐ Look at verse 24. Have you ever been like Judah because of a sin in your life?
- ☐ *Perez* means *breach* (verse 29). He is a picture of Judah's sin. *Zerah* means *sunrise* (verse 30). He got a scarlet thread tied to him. The scarlet thread runs all through the Bible as a picture of Christ's blood for salvation. So here's the picture: a breach (sin), and a new beginning at sunrise because of the scarlet thread. Thank God He tied His scarlet thread to you and gave you a second birth!

What this means for me:_____

GENESIS 39

But the LORD was with Joseph and showed him mercy, and He gave him favor in the sight of the keeper of the prison.
(verse 21 NKJV)

MY THOUGHTS ON VERSE(S) :

Things that stuck out to me:_____

Questions I have: _____

FOOD FOR THOUGHT:

- ☐ What lessons can you take from Joseph's experiences to apply to your life today?
- ☐ What can I learn about God?

What this means for me:_____

GENESIS 40

So he asked Pharaoh's officers who were with him in the custody of his lord's house, saying, "Why do you look so sad today?"
(verse 6 NKJV)

MY THOUGHTS ON VERSE(S) :

Things that stuck out to me:_____

Questions I have: _____

FOOD FOR THOUGHT:

- ☐ How would you have been tempted to behave if you were put in charge of the prison that belonged to the very man who unjustly threw you into jail? (See verses 3 and 6 for proof that this was Potiphar's own jail.)

What this means for me:_____