

Dwelling Richly
COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY

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GENESIS:

Lost & Found

Lesson Eleven

Genesis 41:1-45:28



"Let the Word of Christ
dwell in you richly."

Colossians 3:16

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Lesson Eleven Day One

- Introduction -

Here's an overview of the study for this lesson.

...Day by Day...

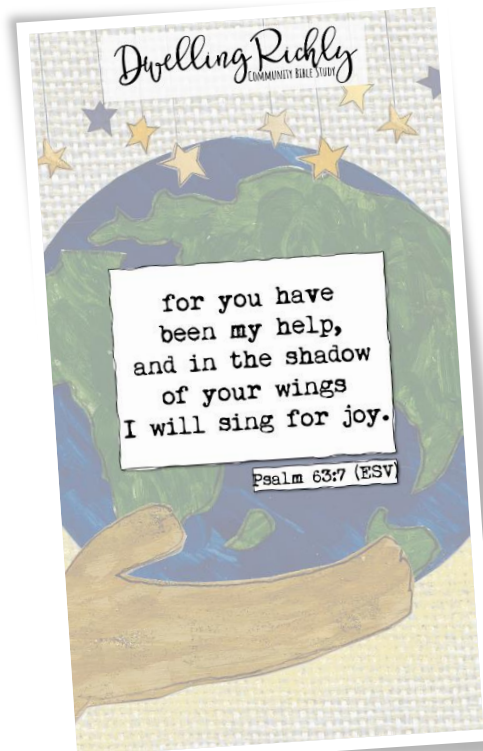
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...Meditate & Memorize...

Meditate on Psalm 63

Get this graphic as a wallpaper for your phone. Use it to help you meditate and memorize.



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...Quiet Time...

- **Shift gears and prepare** for our Bible study group time ahead. Breathe. Pray. Reflect and Prepare quietly on your own and allow others to do the same
- **Shhhh...** Please refrain from talking to others during this time, instead - Quietly reflect on the questions here and prepare your heart for your Grace Group time.
- **New?** Didn't finish the previous study? We're glad you're here! Complete the following prompts, or read/skim Genesis chapters 35-40 and Psalm 1

1. **Growth Check.** In what way(s) have you improved the way you approach Bible study?

2. **Thinking Back.** Who or what incident made a strong impact on you in the past lesson?

3. **Q & R Time** follows the teaching time. If you have questions for Pastor Jennifer, you can make a note of those here. You can also jot questions down that come up during Grace Groups.

4. **Get Ready.** Read the Grace Group questions on the next page and prepare to share.

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...Grace Groups Guidelines...

- ☐ God's Word is our standard. We'll use the Bible - not personal opinion, popular teachers, or church tradition - as our guide for everything. We are using the New English Translation (NET) Bible for this study.
- 🤝 We come from varying religious & political backgrounds. Remember: 'In essentials, unity; in non-essentials, liberty; in all things, charity.'
- 🚫 Avoid commentaries or study notes in your Bible - do your own thinking. Trust God, pray, ask for wisdom then read and answer on your own.
- ❤️ We're all learning. Be gracious and patient with yourself and with others. No one has it all figured out.
- 👉👍 This is a Bible study - not a personal-opinion group. So, there are going to be "right" and "wrong" answers in keeping with the truth of God's Word.
- 🗣️ You don't have to share, but if you did the reading and the study this week, why not chime in? We all benefit from one another's thoughts and questions. I bet you have something great to share!
- 😊 Discussion questions are written with care to move you through the previous lesson and prepare you for the lesson to come. Please read and answer them all and do not skip over any.
- 👉 Didn't finish the study this week? That's ok. Life gets busy. **You're here! Yay you!** This will be a good week for you to listen and perhaps jot down thoughts as others share.
- ⌚ Be considerate of how much you're talking. Share your thoughts and allow time for others to do the same - limit yourself to about 2 minutes maximum. Your group leader will help with that.
- 🕒 Watch the time. Leaders will wrap up the discussion time allow for prayer and a bathroom break before teaching time.

...Grace Group Discussion...

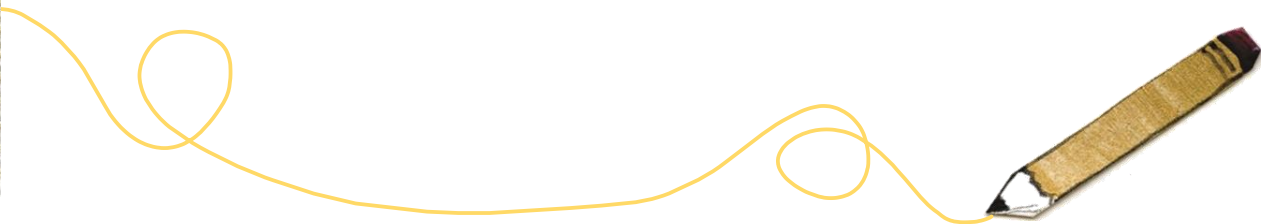
- **During Grace Group:** If you completed that day of the lesson, please share your response. If you didn't finish that day, please reserve your comments for another question, and take notes instead.
1. **Share** a take-away from the Genesis 31-34 review message (Notes page 232 in your Lesson 10 Packet)
 2. **Read "My Heart to Yours"** (Lesson 10, pg 234) How has this Genesis study helped you to dwell and not just "do" Bible study?
 3. **Day Three:** pg 236, #'s 3, 6
 4. **Day Four:** pg , 237-38, #'s 4, 6, 10
 5. **Day Five:** pg 239-40, #'s 3, 4, 8, 10
 6. **Day Six:** pg 241-42, #'s 1, 4, 10
 7. **Day Seven:** pg 243-44, #'s 5 , 7, 10, 11
 8. **Day Eight:** pg 245-46, #'s 1, 7, 8
 9. **Day Nine:** pg 247-48, #s 3, 4, 8
 10. **Day Ten:** Share your Create & Share

Next up: Teaching Time. Take notes on the following page. 😊

Lesson Eleven Day One

Review of Lesson Ten / Genesis 35-40

Watch or listen to this teaching session on the Dwelling Richly podcast (iTunes, Spotify, any podcast app) or on YouTube.com/c/JenniferRichmond



Lesson Eleven Day Two

Memorize & Meditate

Psalm 63:7



- Pray:** Dedicate this day to serving and glorifying God as you read
- Memorize:** Write this lesson's verse in the box at the beginning of each lesson
- Read:** the following passages as noted

Today's Focus: Getting the Big Picture

- ✓ **Big Idea:** Always ask, "What am I understanding about the nature and character of God?"
- ✓ **BIBLE NOTES TIP:** highlight people/**brown**, places/**green**, God/**blue**, key ideas/**orange** or **yellow**
- ✓ **Look for foods** mentioned. Make note of each for our Genesis feast at the end of this study
- ✓ **Meditate & Memorize:** Psalm 63 - our focus verse is 63:7

1) Day Three: [Genesis 41:1-57](#)

God's Actions/Name/Character	Word/Phrase/Idea that has me curious...
Key People/Places	Connecting to Psalm 63

2) Day Four: [Genesis 42:1-28](#)

God's Actions/Name/Character	Word/Phrase/Idea that has me curious...
Key People/Places	Connecting to Psalm 63

3) Day Five: [Genesis 42:29-43:14](#)

God's Actions/Name/Character	Word/Phrase/Idea that has me curious...
Key People/Places - foods	Connecting to Psalm 63

Lesson Eleven Day Two

4) Day Six: [Genesis 43:15-44:17](#)

God's Actions/Name/Character

Word/Phrase/Idea that has me curious...

Key People/Places

[Connecting to Psalm 63](#)

6) Day Seven: [Genesis 44:18-34](#)

God's Actions/Name/Character

Word/Phrase/Idea that has me curious...

Key People/Places

[Connecting to Psalm 63](#)

7) Day Eight: [Genesis 45:1-15](#)

God's Actions/Name/Character

Word/Phrase/Idea that has me curious...

Key People/Places

[Connecting to Psalm 63](#)

8) Day Nine: [Genesis 45:16-28](#)

God's Actions/Name/Character

Word/Phrase/Idea that has me curious...

Key People/Places

[Connecting to Psalm 63](#)

...My Heart to Yours...



I have found that time doesn't always heal wounds and time doesn't always fly. Time just tick-tocks on. But it doesn't have to be that way. Time can heal if you move toward healing. Time can fly or feel stagnant-it depends on your willingness to delight despite what you are dealing with. As you know by this season of your life, time will march on. It's what you choose to do in these moments that will determine your view and whether or not you became blessed or let bitterness set. Joseph spent years in prison, months as a slave, countless hours tormented and separated from all he knew and loved in his life. Twenty years of his life would have tick-tocked along whether or not he choose to honor God - but he did. And as a result, every minute added up to hours, months, years of time deepening his empathy, his patience, his sincerity, and his faith. Time will slip by with or without you growing toward God today. Choose today to spend this time well.

Lesson Eleven Day Three

Memorize & Meditate

Psalm 63:7



- Pray:** Select a portion of
- Memorize:** Write your verse in the box above
- Read:** [Genesis 41:1-57](#)

Today's Focus: Honoring God First

1. **"Dreamer, you know you are a dreamer..."** Sum up the dreams and dreamers in these accounts:

	<u>The Dreamer</u>	<u>The Dream</u>	<u>Fulfilled?</u>
Genesis 20:6-7			
Genesis 28:10-15			
Genesis 31:24			
Genesis 37:5-11			
Genesis 40:9-15, 20-23			
Genesis 40:16-23			
Genesis 41:1-7			

2. **Pharaoh needs help.** What system does Pharaoh have in place to deal with dreams? (Genesis 41:7-8) What does this tell you about the culture of Pharaoh's day?

Lesson Eleven Day Three

3. **"Oops! I forgot to remember!"** -the cupbearer. How does the cupbearer describe Joseph?

4. **Dreamer from the Dungeon.** Describe Joseph's trip up from prison.

5. **Credit where credit is due.** What does Pharaoh expect? (Genesis 41:15)

What does Joseph explain? (Genesis 41:16)

6. **In case you missed the point...** How does Joseph make certain God is honored in this account?

Genesis 41:25

Genesis 41:28

Genesis 41:32

Genesis 41:38-39

7. **Secret of His Success.** Actually, it's no secret. Describe the success Joseph experiences (Genesis 41:37-57) and the "secret" to this success.

8. **Joseph's sons.** What is the significance of each of Joseph's son's names?

9. **Double Dreams.** What does Joseph's comment in Genesis 41:32 reveal about his understanding of God and dreams and what do you think it means to Joseph personally considering his own dreams? (Genesis 41:32 and 37:5-10)

Lesson Eleven Day Four

Memorize & Meditate

Psalm 63:7



- Pray:** Ask God for wisdom as you read and study today.
- Memorize:** Write with your non-dominant hand
- Read:** [Genesis 42:1-28](#)

... **Today's Focus:** Does God do things "to us?" ...

1. **Keeping Silent about the Solution.** What does Jacob notice about his son's behavior? In light of what Jacob tells them, why do you think they were acting this way? (Genesis 42:1-2)
2. **Faith, Favorites, & Fear.** How is Jacob acting in faith as well as fear in Genesis 42:1-5?
3. **"Joseph remembered"** What does Joseph remember and how does he respond? (Genesis 42:6-9) Can you imagine responding in this way? Why or why not? (Genesis 42:10-16)
4. **Four Accusations. Four Affirmations.** Describe the scene in Genesis 42:9-16 and the specifically how the brothers responded.

Lesson Eleven Day Four

5. **Time to Think.** What does Joseph do to his brothers? (Genesis 42:17)

How is Joseph causing his brothers to relive what they did to him? Consider looking back at Genesis 37:2, 18-28

6. **A Plea and a Prisoner.** What are Reuben and Simeon's roles in this account? Why do you think Joseph keeps Simeon?

7. **A time to weep. A time to speak.** Describe the scene in Genesis 42:23-24. What is Joseph experiencing emotionally?

8. **Ruh-Roh.** Describe the scene in Genesis 42:25-28. What was Joseph's plan? Do the brothers realize it fully? What emotions do you imagine the brothers are feeling? If you had to guess, which brother do you think makes the discovery?

9. **Who is God to You?** Consider the difference in the way Joseph (42:18) and the brothers (42:28) refer to God. What does this tell you about their understanding of and relationship with God? Do you think the brothers' response about God reflects an accurate understanding about God? Why or why not?

Lesson Eleven Day Five

Memorize & Meditate

Psalm 63:7



- Pray:** for your Study Buddy and Grace Group.
- Memorize:** Recite aloud as you write.
- Read:** [Genesis 42:29-43:14](#)

— . . . — **Today's Focus:** Trust in the God who is For You — . . . —

1. **Breaking the News to Dad.** Paraphrase Genesis 42:29-34.

2. **What are you thinking, Joseph?** How does Scripture as well as Joseph's brothers describe his behavior toward them? Was he just being cruel? What was his endgame? Consider Genesis 42:7 and 42:30.

3. **From Bad to Worse.** Compare Genesis 42:27-28 to Genesis 42:35. What do the brothers realize? How do they react?

4. **From Canaan to Egypt.** Estimate the distance and travel time from Canaan to the capital of Egypt (Memphis.) Recall where Jacob is likely still living (Genesis 35:27.)

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5. **If he only knew.** How does Jacob respond to the news and what does this reveal to you about his priorities at this point? Is he accurate in his emotional statement about what is going on? (Genesis 42:36) (The NET captures his sentiment well.)

6. **The way to a man's heart is his stomach.** What is Jacob's decision on the matter and why does Jacob change his mind? (Genesis 42:38-43:2)

7. **Reality Check.** What is Jacob reminded of and by whom? (Genesis 43:3-5)

8. **"Necessity is the mother of..."** What are these family members willing to do in the face of their great need?

Reuben:

Judah:

Israel:

9. **Feast and Finding Favor in a Famine.** What does Israel instruct his sons to do? (Genesis 43:11-13) What does his ability to offer such a thing tell you about God? *Make a list and add to your Genesis Feast Menu! There's some yummy items here!*

10. **Favoritism to Faith.** By what name does Israel address God? Skim back and note when this name of God was last recorded. Do you see any significance in Israel's timing? What specifically does Israel pray to receive from God? How would you describe his mindset?

Lesson Eleven Day Six

Memorize & Meditate

Psalm 63:7



- Pray:** What worries do you need to lay before the Lord as you begin today?
- Memorize:** Write the verse in all caps
- Read:** [Genesis 43:15-44:17](#)

Today's Focus: God Works in our Guilt

1. **Presents in lieu of Presence...again.** Compare Jacob's plans in Genesis 32:13-21 and 43:11-15. What was the problem in each? What was Jacob's fear? His strategy?
2. **A Brother's Love.** What triggers Joseph's idea for the plan he has in this account? Why do you suppose? (Genesis 43:16, consider also, Genesis 35:16-21)
3. **"Suspicion haunts guilty minds."** –Shakespeare. Paraphrase Joseph's plan and his brothers' suspicions about that plan. (Genesis 43:16-22)
4. **Steward of Shalom.** Contrast what Joseph's brothers are unable to give to him in Genesis 37:4 and what they are now receiving in Genesis 43:23 and 43:27.

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5. **Expecting the Unexpected.** What did the brothers expect and what are they experiencing? Consider not only Genesis 43:23-26 but Genesis 37:5-11.
6. **An Emotional Meal.** Describe Joseph's emotional state and what you imagine he is going through in this scene. (Genesis 43:27-30)
7. **from Cover-Up to Cluelessness.** What signs of "the man's" true identity are the brothers seeing at this emotional dinner? (Genesis 43:30-34)
8. **What's up with that cup?** Illustrate Genesis 44:1-2 and add details from the text about this cup.
9. **Kindness or Cruelty?** What do you think Joseph's motives are in what he orders his steward to do? (Genesis 44:1-13)
10. **Judah's Judgment.** Consider Judah's impassioned words before Joseph in Genesis 44:16. What is he willing to do? Keeping his past behavior in mind (Gen. 37:26-28, 38:1-26), what truth is he acknowledging about God?

Lesson Eleven Day Seven

Memorize & Meditate

Psalm 63:7



- Pray:** Ask God to help you grow in your ability to have discernment as you study.
- Memorize:** Write your verse above and pray for wisdom in applying this truth
- Read:** [Genesis 44:18-34](#)

Today's Focus: Making Room for Change

1. **Humbled.** In Genesis 44:16-34 how many times does Judah refer to himself or to Jacob and by what description? How many times does he refer to Joseph and by what name?
2. **But, Benjamin...**What is Judah's first plea to Joseph? (44:13-20)
3. **More than we bargained for.** What does Judah remind this Egyptian official about their situation? (44:18-23)
4. **Painting the picture.** How does Judah describe Jacob? Benjamin? (44:18-23)
5. **Less dead than you think.** Imagine Joseph hearing Judah's speech and the words, "his [Benjamin's] brother is dead..." (44:20) What do you think Joseph is thinking? Feeling?

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6. **Calloused to Caring?** How have the brothers, represented by Judah in this passage, apparently changed in these 20 years since Genesis 37:31-35? (Genesis 44:30-32)

7. **Transformed Lives?** Think back and consider the following passages. Note how the brothers respond. Consider especially how they *didn't* respond in light of the kind of men they had been. Note how each shows growth. Any hints of resentment? lack of trust? pride?

43:34

44:9

44:13

44:14

44:16

44:29-31

44:33-34

8. **Maturity and Mindset.** How does Judah demonstrate true sincerity and self-sacrifice? (44:30-34)

9. **Watching people. Seeing God.** How do you see God working in the life of Judah from who he was, what he's done, to who he is now?

Lesson Eleven Day Eight

Memorize & Meditate

Psalm 63:7



- Pray** Ask for new eyes to see beyond the Sunday School idea you have of this account
- Memorize:** Write the verse in ALL CAPS
- Read:** [Genesis 45:1-15](#)

Today's Focus: Revelation and Reconciliation

1. **Losing Control.** Compare the scene with Joseph in Genesis 43:30-31 and Genesis 45:1. What has made the difference?
2. **Family Matters.** What does Joseph cry out (45:1) and why do you think he does this?
3. **The Big Reveal.** What statement and question does Joseph make in his big reveal?
4. **"... .." -Joseph's brothers.** How do Joseph's brothers respond to the revelation? Read Genesis 45:3 from several translations.
5. **Just to be clear...** What does Joseph do to make sure the brothers realize who he is?
6. **Don't miss this point...** How many times does Joseph point to God's role? What specifically does he credit God with doing?

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7. Personal Responsibility and the Providence of God. How does Joseph both recognize his brothers' sin and still keep the focus on God?

8. Famine and Family. What information about the timeline of the story do you get from Genesis 45:6? How old does this make Joseph? Note details in the timeline from the following:

37:2

41:46

41:47

45:6

9. Joseph's Job Description. How does Joseph describe his role in Egypt? How is this an answer to his brothers' sarcastic question in Genesis 37:8?

10. The what and the why...now go! What is Joseph's explanation of the what and why of his story and what is his follow-up command?

11. Map it. Find Goshen on a map. Where is it in relation to the capital of Egypt? The Nile River? Canaan? How does Joseph describe what he envisions happening with them in Goshen?

12. The tearful reunion. Describe the scene in Genesis 45:12-15. Especially note wording you've heard elsewhere in Genesis and any connections you can make to the New Testament.

Lesson Eleven Day Nine

Memorize & Meditate

Psalm 63:7



- Pray:** Ask God for clarity as you read and study
- Memorize:** Write your verse above
- Read:** [Genesis 45:16-28](#) and [Psalm 63](#) - Read from several versions

Today's Focus: Reversing the Curse

1. **Faithful to His Promises.** How does God use Pharaoh to fulfill His covenant promise (Genesis 12:1-3) to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob? Note specific wording from Pharaoh:

45:16

45:17

45:18-20

How has Pharaoh been on the receiving end of this covenant promise? Review Genesis 12:1-3.

2. **Reversing the Wickedness.** Compare Joseph's actions in Genesis 45:21-22 to his brother's actions in Genesis 37:23-28. What items do you note that are mentioned specifically in both accounts?

3. **Benjamin's Special Treatment.** How does Joseph treat Benjamin? Why do you think Joseph is treating him this way?

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4. **Understanding Human Nature.** How does Joseph demonstrate maturity in understanding human nature in the way he admonishes his brothers? How is he acting like a good fatherly figure to them? Consider Genesis 45:5 and 45:24.

5. **Consider the Alternative.** Make a list of at least 3 events that you see as significant in Joseph's life - a good or bad moment. Note how he could have possibly responded given the circumstances. Then note Joseph's actual response - implied or stated- to that event.

Event

In this event...

Possible Response

Joseph could have...

Joseph's Response

But, instead, Joseph...

1)

2)

3)

6. **Stunned to Revived.** Describe Jacob's reactions to the news:

What two things does it take to convince him that his son's report is true?

7. **Joseph's Story Speaks Today.** Each time Joseph responded to an event in his life brought him toward his ultimate speech to his brothers (45:5-9) where he credits God for everything. Think about your life. The events that are happening...the relationships, the health issues, your family, job, personal life. You, like Joseph are able to respond in way that will ultimately point to God or not. How will the example of Joseph be a testimony and encouragement to you this week?

Lesson Eleven Day Ten

Memorize & Meditate

Psalm 63:7



- Pray.
- Memorize. Write your memory verse

Create & Share

Choices that Change Us Choices that Change Them

Joseph had a choice in every circumstance we read throughout his Toledot. Each choice, as we saw in Genesis 45:1-9, led him and ultimately everyone in his life from the youngest brother to the greatest ruler to see and know God.

Read Psalm 63 and meditate on how God is providing for you today. Consider how He is making a way for you to choose to respond in a god-honoring way today.

On the left side write out circumstances you're facing today. It could be something going on with your personal life, your job, your family or loved ones.

Pray about each of those things. Pray with Psalm 63 in mind.

Then, on the right hand side, write how you will respond in line with the promises of Psalm 63 and in response to the Holy Spirit's prompting in your heart.

Maybe you've been resistant to a godly response. Perhaps bitterness or jealousy, anger or self-righteousness has kept you from responding in a godly way.

Today is the day to submit all that to the LORD in prayer and to be able to say, like Joseph did, "it was not you (the issue you're facing) who sent me here, but God." And then, humbly, like Joseph, choose God's way in how you respond.



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Colossians 3:16

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GENESIS:

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Do you not know? Have you not heard?

The LORD is the everlasting God

The Creator of the ends of the earth

Isaiah 40