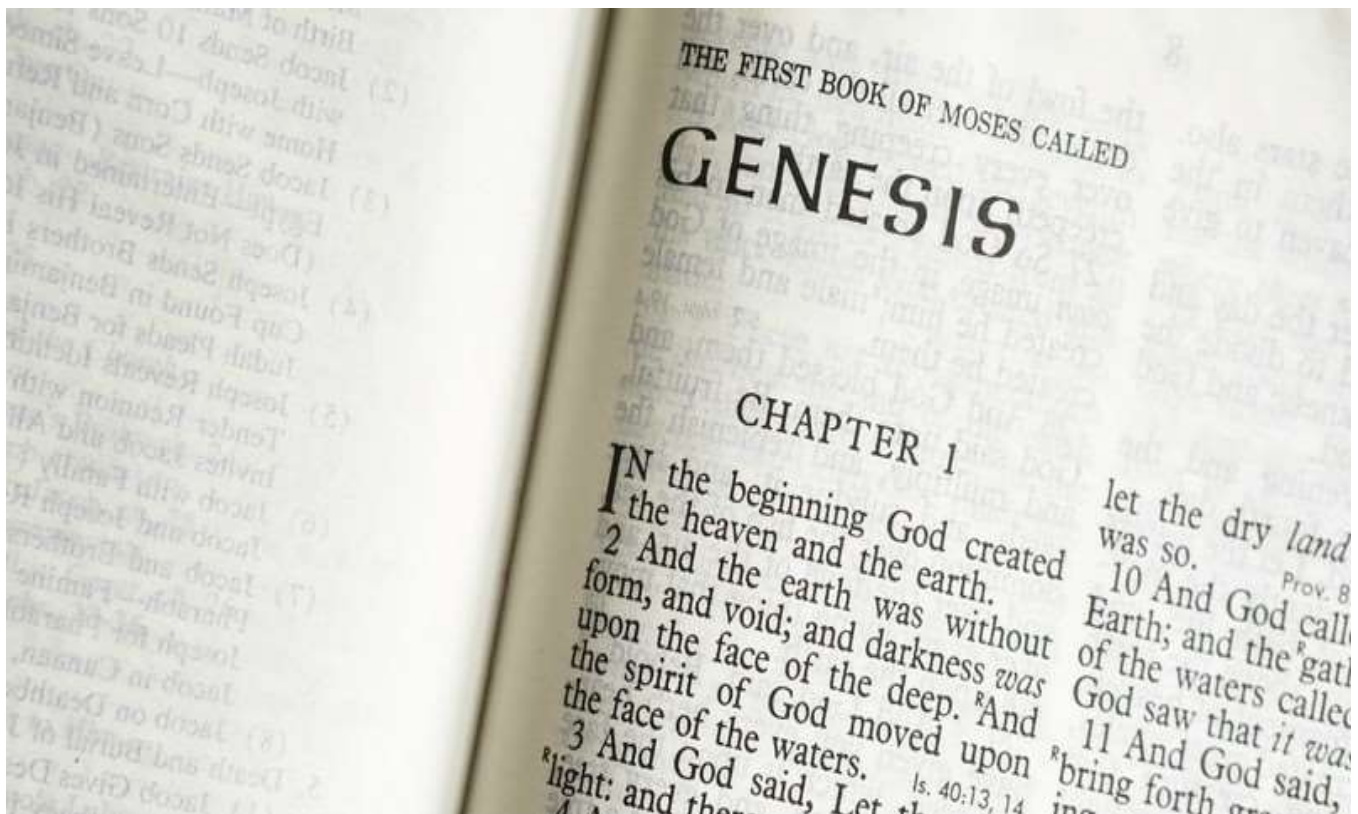


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In the Beginning, God...

A Study of the Book of Genesis



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Pine Mountain, Georgia
October 15-17, 2021**

And be not conformed to this world, but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God. Romans 12:2 (KJV)

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Mission Statement

An annual conference by laymen for laymen which strives to:

1. Teach men the Word of God
2. Help laymen get exposed to teaching the Word
3. Support men in their ministries

This annual conference focuses on bible study (alternating annually between key books or chapters from the Old Testament and those from the New Testament) and providing a forum to discuss the Word of God and application for men.

Scripture References for Ministries

A reproducing ministry – 2 Timothy 2:2 “And the things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, these entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also.”

A transforming ministry – Romans 12:1-2 “I urge you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.”

A Scripture-based ministry – 2 Timothy 3:16-17 “All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.”

A discerning ministry – Acts 17:11 “Now these (Bereans) were more noble-minded than those in Thessalonica, for they received the Word with great eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see whether these things were so.”

Resources Available

Resource Table – Please take some time during the breaks to not only network with other men, but to visit the Resource Table at the back of the room. There are many incredible resources available to you. Prices are marked and payment is on the honor system. If you have any questions or would like to order additional resources, please see Billy Uelze during the conference or contact him at billyuelze@me.com. You may also visit <http://mimworldwide.com>.

Audio Recordings – Are available from past conferences at <http://r122conference.org>. Audio recordings from this conference will be posted to the site in the future.

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FRIDAY EVENING

3:00 p.m.	Check-in Begins	Steve Roe
4:00 p.m.	Opening/Welcome/Conference Objectives	Rodney Dill
4:30 p.m.	Background on Hymns Hymn #1 – <i>Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine</i>	Sonny Hathaway
4:50 p.m.	Devotional #1: <i>The Importance of God's Word</i>	Drew Fossler
5:20 p.m.	Discipleship Nugget #1: <i>Famous Last Words</i>	Kelly Hudson
5:30 p.m.	Networking Break – Coffee & Soda available	
5:45 p.m.	<i>The Book of Genesis: Introduction & Overview</i>	Jerry Bangert
7:00 p.m.	Small Groups & Announcements	Rodney Dill
7:10 p.m.	Cookout at the Cottages	Joe Hitt & Friends
8:10 p.m.	Group Discussions at the Cottages	Group Leaders

SATURDAY MORNING

6:30 a.m.	Breakfast in Cottages	
8:05 a.m.	Good Morning	Rodney Dill
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9:45 a.m.	Networking Break – Coffee & Soda available	
10:00 a.m.	Discipleship Nugget #3: <i>Evangelism</i>	Kelly Hudson
10:10 a.m.	<i>Genesis 11:27 – 25:11: Abraham, Lot & Isaac</i>	Bill Ibsen
11:25 a.m.	Announcements	Rodney Dill
11:35 a.m.	Lunch & Group Discussions at the Cottages	Group Leaders
1:15-6:00 p.m.	Free Time / Optional Group Discussions	

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8:10 p.m.	Group Discussions at the Cottages	Group Leaders

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7:45 a.m.	Sponsors Meeting (by invitation only)	Sponsors
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10:40 a.m.	Final Instructions & Adjourn	Rodney Dill

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September 9th devotional by Oswald Chambers

“For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal, but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ,” – 2 Cor 10:4-5

In our Lord's life every project was disciplined to the will of His Father. There was never the slightest tendency to follow the impulse of His own will as distinct from His Father's will – “the Son can do nothing of Himself” (John 5:19). We are not only committed to Jesus Christ for salvation, but are also committed, responsible, and accountable to Jesus Christ's view of God, the world, and of sin and the devil. This means that we must recognize the responsibility to “be transformed by the renewing of [our] mind” (Rom 12:2).

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Blessed Assurance

1 Bles-sed as - su - rance, Je - sus is mine! O what a fore - taste of
2 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light, vi - sions of rap - ture now
3 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest, I in my Sa - vior am

glo - ry di - vine! Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of God,
burst on my sight; an - gels des - cen - ding, bring from a - bove
hap - py and blest, watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a - bove,

Refrain

born of his Spi - rit, washed in his blood. This is my sto - ry,
e - choes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.
filled with his good - ness, lost in his love.

this is my song, prais - ing my Sa - vior all the day long; this is my

sto - ry, this is my song, prais - ing my Sa - vior all the day long.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby (1820-1915)
Tune: Phoebe P. Knapp (1839-1908)



9 10 99 Refrain
ASSURANCE
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The Importance of God's Word

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Drew Fossler

Friday | 4:50 p.m.

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Discipleship Nugget #1: Famous Last Words

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Kelly Hudson

Friday | 5:20 p.m.

- All of us will die.
- Jesus last words
 - As a God Man-John 18:36B
 - As a Recognizable Spirit-Mat 28:19-20
- **Discipleship**
 - The developmental process that God progressively brings Christians from Spiritual infancy to spiritual maturity so that they are then able to reproduce the process with someone else
 - If participating in discipleship process, you are disciple of Jesus
 - Disciple and Christian name used interchangeably
 - When you receive Christ you are born again and begin the discipleship process
 - Mat 10:22--Jesus says if you are my disciple you will endure to the end
 - 1Tim 6:11-12 -- Paul says Fight the good fight of faith until Jesus returns
- Insure your entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior
 - 2 Peter 1:3-12
- **Discipleship Nugget**

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The Book of Genesis: Introduction & Overview

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Jerry Bangert

Friday | 5:45 p.m.

I. Introduction – The Importance of the Book

II. Genesis as it Relates to the Rest of the Bible

III. Outline

- a. 1 – 3, The Fall and Foundational Truths
- b. 4 – 11, The Evolution of Sin and Evil
- c. 12 – 50, Initial Stages of the Plan of Redemption

IV. Foundational Truths, Including the Fall (1 – 3)

- a. The Fall and the Tree of Knowledge of Good & Evil
- b. The purpose of Life is Redemption
- c. The Knowledge Problem
- d. The Centrality of Relationship
- e. Complexity

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V. The Evolution of Sin and Evil (4 – 11)

- a. Cain & Abel (4:3-8)
- b. Noah (6:1-8)
- c. The Tower of Babel (11:1-7)

VI. The Initial Stages of the Plan of Redemption (12 – 50)

VII. Heroes in Genesis and What They Teach Us

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Group Discussion at the Cottages

Friday Evening Session

Friday | 8:10 p.m.

My Small Group Leader: _____

Cabin Location: _____

Instructions: *Do not feel compelled to go through every single question, nor follow the order of this outline. These are suggested questions prepared by the speakers to help begin the discussion.*

Devotional #1 | Drew Fossler

1. What were some key takeaways from Drew's devotional?

Discipleship Nugget #1: Famous Last Words | Kelly Hudson

1. Why do you have to finish the race?

The Book of Genesis: Introduction & Overview | Jerry Bangert

1. State in your own words why Genesis is important. Do you agree or disagree that it is foundational to the rest of the Bible? If so, why? If not, why not?

2. What can you learn from the Fall by way of application to your own life?

3. Do you agree or disagree that everything in your life is redemptive? What difference does it make?

4. In what ways is knowledge a problem? How should Christ's followers respond to this problem?

5. Do you understand secular humanism to be largely good or evil? Explain.

6. To which of the heroes of Genesis do you most closely relate? Explain.

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Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

1. Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me
2. Not the la - bors of my hands can ful -
3. Noth - ing in my hand I bring, sim - ply
4. While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine

hide my - self in thee; let the wa - ter and the blood,
fill thy law's de - mands; could my zeal no re - spite know,
to the cross I cling; na - ked, come to thee for dress;
eyes shall close in death, when I soar to worlds un - known,

from thy woun - ded side which flowed, be of sin the
could my tears for - e - ver flow, all for sin could
help - less, look to thee for grace; foul, I to the
see thee on thy judg - ment throne, Rock of A - ges,

dou - ble cure; save from wrath and make me pure.
not a - tone; thou must save, and thou a - lone.
foun - tain fly; wash me, Sa - vior, or I die.
cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

Text: Augustus M. Toplady, 1776
Tune: Thomas Hastings, 1830



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Discipleship Nugget #2: Salvation

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Saturday | 8:20 a.m.

- Salvation is process initiated by God whereby a person is brought into family of God because he believes/has faith Jesus died on the cross to save the sinner from his sin and arose on the third day.
- How do you get saved?
 - Numerous verses in the Bible state how to be saved by praying to God.
 - All verses are different
 - any verse or request for salvation you pray to God can save you
 - any verse or request for salvation you pray to God can also send you to hell
 - prayer to be saved depends on your belief that God is who He says He is.
 - Hebrews 4:12 - God knows the intention of your heart
 - 2Cor 5:17 says anyone in Christ is a new Creation
 - Eph 2:8-9 says you are saved by grace through Faith. It is a gift from God
 - Believing God is an act of Faith, it is not a work.
 - Believing is an Act of your will. You can believe anything you want to believe.
- Discipleship starts with Salvation
- What happens spiritually when you get saved
 - Your sins are forgiven
 - You are born again
 - You become friends and an heir of God
 - You receive the Holy Spirit which indwells within us
 - You inherit eternal life
 - You receive spiritual gifts
 - You are justified and sanctified, among other things
- What happens physically and mentally when we are saved?
 - God lifts the veil over His word so a Christian can understand scripture
 - Psa 119:18 Open my eyes, that I may behold Wonderful things from Your law

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- Develop a passion for reading Bible
 - You learn about God from reading the Bible
- Many are cured of immoral addictions and habits
- What are some other confirmation signs when others have been saved?
- 1 Ti 2:3-4 God desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth
- A recent poll says:
 - 78% of people believe they will go to heaven when they die.
 - Only 4% believe they will go to hell
- Matt 7:13-14 says To be saved you must enter a narrow gate and only a few find the entrance. Broad is the road that leads to destruction
 - Should the statistics in the poll about heaven and hell be reversed in order to coincide with the Bible?
- Why are people missing out on salvation?
 - Jesus said to count the cost of being a disciple
 - Only a few were saved in Jesus' times even though crowds were big
- What are characteristics of those God saves?
 - 2Ch 7:14 and My people who are called by My name **humble themselves** and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, will forgive their sin and will heal their land.
- What kind of people make a personal choice to go to hell as their eternal destination?
 - Proverbs 16:5 Everyone who is **proud in heart is an abomination** to the LORD; Assuredly, he will not be unpunished
 - Psa 18:27 You save the humble but bring low those whose eyes are haughty
- **Discipleship Nugget**

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Genesis 1 – 11: Creation, Marriage, Sin & Degeneration of Man

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Bill McCurine

Saturday | 8:30 a.m.

I. Homiletics

- a. Ch 1: Creation of the universe
- b. Ch 2: Reprise of creation of Adam & Eve
- c. Ch 3: The Fall
- d. Ch 4: Cain murders Abel
- e. Ch 5: Adam's descendants and shortening life span
- f. Ch 6: Widespread corruption leads to the Flood
- g. Chapters 7-9: God ends the Flood and makes a covenant with Noah
- h. Ch 10: Noah's descendants
- i. Ch 11: Tower of Babel

II. Creation, Marriage, Sin & Degeneration of Man (Gen 1 – 11)

III. Chapters 1 – 11 Show the Full Arc of the Divine Narrative

- a. Man falls because he seeks _____ and _____
from God without _____.
 - 1. Man pits himself against God.
- b. God redeems man by _____.

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IV. Bible Motifs in the First 11 Chapters

V. The Arc of God's Plan: To create a bride for His only begotten Son and a home where they can live together for eternity.

VI. Creation and the Purpose of Man

- a. "Adam" = "Man" = Human Being, Mankind
- b. "Let Us make man in our image, after our own likeness"

VII. The Extraordinary Features of Man's Creation

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VIII. Creation & Science

- Science & Creation: Are there inconsistencies? Do they contradict?
 - Albert Einstein (The Wall Street Journal, Dec 24, 1997, article by Jim Holt, "Science Resurrects God")
 - Matthew Maury
 - The Big Bang Theory
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IX. Marriage

- What do we learn about biblical marriage in Genesis?
 - First, monogamous marriage between a man and a woman is God's idea and plan.
 - Second, the charge God gave man and woman together.
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X. God Created Us for His Glory

XI. Marriage points to _____

- The arc of marriage

The Bible begins with a Marriage	
God created Eve for the First Adam	
God put the First Adam to sleep so God could create Eve	
The First Adam and Eve were called to rule under the headship of God.	

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XII. The Fall (Sin)

- a. What do we learn about God and man?
- b. Why did God let Satan into His Garden? So that man would eventually come to place his will into God's hands.
- c. The Garden puts forth for all mankind two challenges.
- d. GOD CREATED US FOR HIS GLORY.

XIII. WORK: Its purpose and meaning

XIV. The Degeneration of Man and a Picture of Redemption (Gen 4:1 – 9:17)

- a. The reason for the Flood
- b. God's charge to Noah after the Flood
- c. God made a covenant with Noah
- d. What are the key takeaways from this point in history?
- e. How does this apply to us today?

XV. Human Society after the Flood

- a. Genesis 11:1–4 (ESV) The Tower of Babel – “Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. ² And as people migrated from the east, they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. ³ And they said to one another, ‘Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly.’ And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. ⁴ Then they said, ‘Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth.’”

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XVI. The Pattern of Genesis 1 – 11

ENVIRONMENT	Man's Actions	CONSEQUENCE	God's Action
God creates perfect Eden	Adam and Eve sin	Spiritual death	Expulsion
Man creates his own environment	Cain slays Abel	Continued sin and alienation from God	Decreasing lifespan and death
Man's environment expands until Noah	Man's slide into deeper sin	The Flood	God saves Noah and family in the Ark
Man builds new society in the Post-flood earth	Men build cities and Tower of Babel	The pride-fullness of men increases	God expels and disperses, scattering men and diversifying languages and cultures

XVII. The Tower of Babel

- Why man created the Tower
- The Tower of Babel is a shameful repudiation of God's charge to man.

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XVIII. God Dispersed Man and Confused His Language

a. God disperses man for two reasons:

i. First, _____

ii. Second, _____

GENESIS 1-11 FORESHADOWS THE GOSPEL

God creates heaven and earth		
God made man male and female		
Adam and Eve sin by seeking autonomy		
God expels man from Paradise. God uses cherubim to keep man from the Tree of Life. (Hell is immortality without God.)		
God came down to man.		
God gives dominion and meaningful work to man.		
God gives man free will.		
God judges Adam and Eve		

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Discipleship Nugget #3: Evangelism

Kelly Hudson

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Saturday | 10:00 a.m.

- The word evangelize means to preach or spread the Gospel message of Jesus Christ.
- Why is important to spread the gospel message?
 - Rom 1:16-17 “For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. (17) For in it *the* righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "BUT THE RIGHTEOUS *man* SHALL LIVE BY FAITH."
 - The believing sinner is now a disciple and a Christian. These words are interchangeable.
- How did the Salvation process come about?
 - Normally there are numerous instances where the sinner was evangelized.
 - Sometimes he knew what was going on, such as being in a church service
 - Other times he had no idea as a friend might be talking to him about one-off spiritual matters without the sinner realizing he was being evangelized.
- All those incidents added up to what I would call a “Bingo” when the individual gets saved. God is in control of when conversion takes place.
- **Paul said in 1Cor 3:6-9:** I planted, Apollos watered, but God was causing the growth. (7) So then neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but God who causes the growth. (8) Now he who plants and he who waters are one; but each will receive his own reward according to his own labor. (9) For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building.
- No contact with sinner by anyone on the timeline is more important than any other contact. The last guy the sinner talked to didn't push him over the edge. God did.
- Personal experience in Evangelism with someone
 - She called me and said I led her to the Lord.
- Got nothing to lose when Evangelizing.

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- God only holds us responsible for making the contact, He does not hold us responsible for the results. Results are always God's responsibility, not the messenger.
- Only way you can lose in this process is not to participate when you have been commanded to do so.
- What does process look like after sinner is converted?
 - New Christian immediately confronted with Mat 28: 19-20
 - Needs to understand strategy of Discipleship process in 1Tim 2:2 and his part.
- How do you evangelize when you don't know anything about the Bible?
 - Tell people what you know about what God did for you
 - Look at what shepherds did when angels appeared in Luke 2:11
 - what did they add to their message other than what the angels told them ---- nothing.
 - If you have children, memorize Bible verses with them.
 - Doesn't matter about their age if they can talk.
- Discipleship Nugget

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Genesis 11:27 – 25:11: Abraham, Lot & Isaac

Bill Ibsen

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Saturday | 10:10 a.m.

The Offering of Isaac, Genesis 22 (NASB)

1 Now it came about after these things, that God tested Abraham, and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am."

2 Then He said, "Take now your son, your only son, whom you love, Isaac, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I will tell you."

3 So Abraham got up early in the morning and saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him and his son Isaac; and he split wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place of which God had told him.

4 On the third day Abraham raised his eyes and saw the place from a distance.

5 Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey, and I and the boy will go over there; and we will worship and return to you."

6 And Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together.

7 Isaac spoke to his father Abraham and said, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." And he said, "Look, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?"

8 Abraham said, "God will [a]provide for Himself the lamb for the burnt offering, my son." So the two of them walked on together.

9 Then they came to the place of which God had told him; and Abraham built the altar there and arranged the wood, and bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood.

10 And Abraham reached out with his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son.

11 But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am."

12 He said, "Do not reach out your hand against the boy, and do not do anything to him; for now I know that you [c]fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me."

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13 Then Abraham raised his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram caught in the thicket by its horns; and Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering in the place of his son.

14 And Abraham named that place The Lord Will Provide, as it is said to this day, "On the mountain of the Lord it will be provided."

15 Then the angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven,

16 and said, "By Myself I have sworn, declares the Lord, because you have done this thing and have not withheld your son, your only son,

17 indeed I will greatly bless you, and I will greatly multiply your seed as the stars of the heavens and as the sand, which is on the seashore; and your seed shall possess the gate of their enemies.

18 And in your seed all the nations of the earth shall [j]be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice."

19 So Abraham returned to his young men, and they got up and went together to Beersheba; and Abraham lived in Beersheba.

THE ABRAHAM CYCLE

11:27-32	Genealogical introduction
12:1-9	Call of Abram and first journey
12:10-20	In Egypt
13:1-18	Abram and Lot separate
14:1-24	Abram rescues Lot
15:1-21	Covenant with Abraham
16:1-16	Birth of Ishmael
17:1-27	Covenant of circumcision
18:1-15	Divine Visitation
18:16-33	Abraham's intercession for Sodom
19:1-29	Destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah
19:30-38	Lot's daughter's incest
20:1-18	Abraham and Abimelech
21:1-21	Isaac born: Ishmael leaves
21:22-34	Covenant with Abimelech
22:1-19	Testing of Abraham
22:20-24	Genealogy of Nahor
23:1-20	Purchase of burial ground
24:1-67	Betrothal of Rebekah
25:1-11	Conclusion

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God Speaking/Appearing to Abraham

12:1	Age 75, Command to go to Canaan
12:7	Shechem, Built Altar 1; Built Altar 2 between Bethel and Ai
13:14	In Canaan after separation from Lot
15:1-19	Vision; Confirmation of covenant with blood path
17:1-21	Age 99, name change; everlasting covenant; circumcision
18:13	Visitation of 3 angels; Birth of Isaac prophecy
21:12	Expulsion of Ishmael/Hagar
22:1-2; 15-18	Sacrifice of Isaac; reconfirmation

Abraham's Travels

11:31	Ur to Haran (With father Terah and wife Sarah and nephew Lot)
12:1, 5	Haran to Canaan (Shechem)
12:8	Shechem to Bethel
12:9	Bethel to Negev
12:10	Negev to Egypt (famine)
13:1	Egypt to Negev
13:3	Negev to Bethel
13:18	Canaan to Oaks of Mamre (Hebron); 14:3
14:14	Hebron to Dan (War to capture Lot)
14:17	Dan to Shaveh "King's Valley" (Melchizedek)
18:1	Oaks of Mamre (Hebron) (Visitation of 3 angels)
20:1	"There" (Oaks of Mamre?) to Negev (Gerar)
21:31	Beersheba
22:1-2	Beersheba to Moriah (Sacrifice of Issac)
22:19	Moriah to Beersheba
23:2	Hebron (Death/burial of Sarah)
25:9	Hebron (Death/burial of Abraham)

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Parallels: In content in the outline, the stories in chapter 21 and 22 run parallel, with Abraham in a role like Hagar's, and Isaac like Ishmael:

CHAPTER 21	CHAPTER 22
"Early the next morning...." (21:14)	"Early the next morning..." (22:3)
God orders Ishmael's expulsion (21:12-13)	God orders Isaac sacrifice (22:2)
Abraham sets supplies on Hagar's shoulders (21:14)	Abraham sets supplies on Issac's shoulders (22:6)
Food and water taken (21:14)	Sacrificial material taken (22:3)
Journey (21:14)	Journey (22:4-8)
Hagar puts son under "brush" (21:15)	Abraham puts son on/over "brush" (22:9)
Ishmael about to die (21:16)	Isaac about to die (22:10)

Verbal parallels:

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CHAPTER 21	CHAPTER 22
Angel of God calls from heaven (21:17)	Angel of the Lord calls from heaven (22:11)
"Do not fear" (21:17)	"Fear God" (22:12)
"God has heard" (21:17)	"You have obeyed (heard) my voice" (22:18)
"I shall make you into a great nation" (21:18)	"Your descendants will be like stars, sand" etc. (22:17)
God opens her eyes and she sees well (21:19)	Abraham raises his eyes and sees ram (22:13)
She gives the lad a drink (21:19)	He sacrifices ram instead of son (22:14)
Hagar story ends with a covenant (21:22-34)	Abraham story ends with a covenant

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Saturday Afternoon Session

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Please consider any unanswered questions from prior session

Discipleship Nugget #2: Salvation | Kelly Hudson

1. Matt 7:13-14 says, To be saved you must enter a narrow gate and only a few find the entrance. Broad is the road that leads to destruction. Question: How many is a FEW?

Genesis 1 – 11: Creation, Marriage, Sin & Degeneration of Man | Bill McCurine

1. What did you learn about these chapters that is new to you? Please elaborate.

2. Does science glorify God? How? How not?

3. What miracles of God's grace have you failed to see in nature until now?

4. Why is there currently a conflict between God and science?

5. What do Adam and Eve teach *you* about marriage? In what way(s) are you like Adam in your marriage?

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6. Genesis 4:26 (ESV) reads: "To Seth also a son was born, and he called his name Enosh. At that time people began to call upon the name of the LORD."
 - a. In what ways do you call upon God *or* fail to do so?
 - b. Share a story of someone in your life who inspired you to call upon the name of the LORD.

7. Was the Flood fair? Why? Why not?

8. What does the brotherhood of man mean?
 - a. How does that concept affect the way you live daily?

9. Why did God proliferate people groups, races and languages?
 - a. Explain how that proliferation affects your view(s) of people who don't look like you.
 - b. What is your biggest challenge or difficulty in dealing with people who don't look like you?

10. Bill shared a few ways that chapters 1-11 foreshadow the Gospel. What additional ways do you see?

Discipleship Nugget #3: Evangelism| Kelly Hudson

1. How would you rate the "greatness" of the great commission (Mat 28:18-20) as a commandment since the greatest and second greatest commandments (Mat 22:37-40) were specified before Jesus gave the great commission? Why? Would it be heresy to rate it now as the "greatest commandment" since you would be rebutting what Jesus said?
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Genesis 11:27 – 25:11: Abraham, Lot & Isaac | Bill Ibsen

1. In your heart of hearts, do you personally feel that God can be trusted?

2. Will you trust God? Or, what are you trusting God for today?

3. What might God be asking you to believe or do that you find simply unbelievable right now?

4. Abraham did not personally receive all of God's promises in his lifetime. Read Hebrews 11:13-16. Does this encourage you to believe God for what has yet to be fulfilled in your lifetime or in your future salvation?

Hebrews 11:13-16 (ESV)

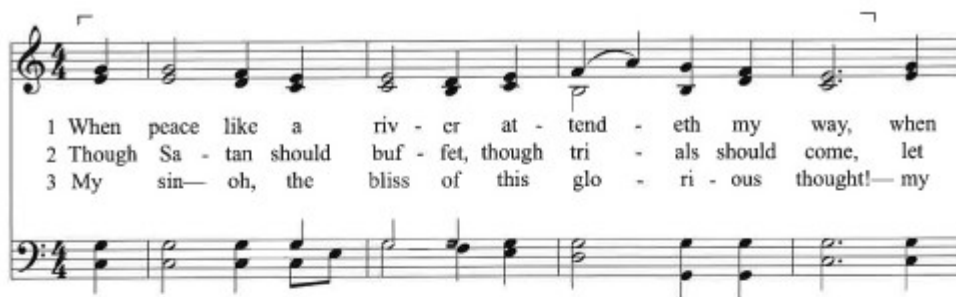
¹³ These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. ¹⁴ For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

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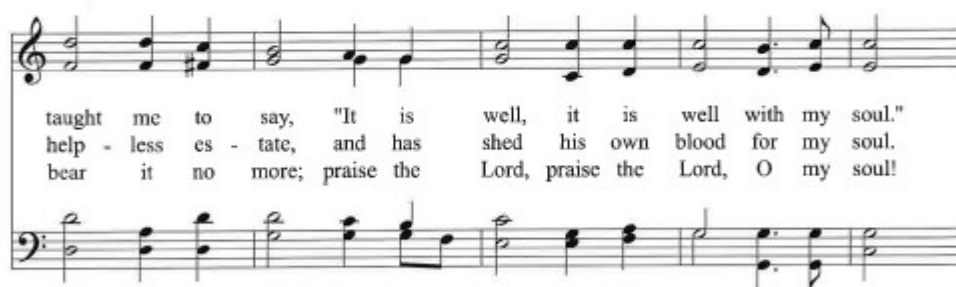
When Peace Like a River



1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
3 My sin— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought!— my



sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll; what - ev - er my lot, thou hast
this blest as - su - rance con - trol: that Christ has re - gard - ed my
sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to the cross, and I



taught me to say, "It is well, it is well with my soul."
help - less es - tate, and has shed his own blood for my soul.
bear it no more; praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1873
Tune: Philip P. Bliss, 1876



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It is well with my soul;
it is well with my soul;

it is well, it is well with my soul.

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Testimony

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Eric Snyder

Saturday | 6:25 p.m.

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Genesis 25:19 – 36: Jacob & Esau

Danny Davis

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Saturday | 6:55 p.m.

I. Key OT Concepts in Jacob and Esau

- a. God's Sovereignty
 - i. God is carrying out a plan that creates circumstances to which man must respond
- b. God's Methods
 - i. How God carries out His good plan and teaches us along the way
- c. God's Values
 - i. What God tells us he values in our behavior

II. God's Sovereignty

- a. Revelation 22:13
- b. Isaiah 45:7
- c. Romans 8:28
- d. Romans 9:13
- e. Romans 9:21

III. God's Methods (as seen in Jacob's story)

- a. Prophecies
- b. Angels
- c. The Weak / Unlikely
- d. Commands
- e. Consequences
- f. Growth through Tribulation

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IV. God's Values

- a. Faithful Obedience
 - i. Romans 4:3
 - ii. James 4:17
 - iii. John 14:23
 - iv. 1 John 2:3-5
- b. Relationships (Matthew 22:36-40)
 - i. With God
 - ii. With Man

V. What is God doing here?

- a. Setting the stage for the Messiah
 - i. Establishing His Nation, Israel
 - ii. Royal Bloodline
 - iii. Law and the Prophets
 - iv. Geography and Timing
 - v. A Relationship with Man

VI. Why tell these stories?

- a. Teach us about the character of God
 - i. He has a plan and it is coming true
 - ii. He is long-suffering and gives us ample proof
 - iii. He is a jealous God; He wants our hearts
- b. Teach us about the character of Man
 - i. Heart of man is evil and selfish by nature
 - ii. We want control to define good and evil
 - iii. We have brain damage (same thing every time)

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VII. Relational Construct in the Bible

- a. God's Sovereign Actions
 - i. Creates man's circumstances and exposes us to truths
- b. Man's Response
 - i. Affects his relationships
 - ii. Reflects his values
 - iii. Impacts his eternity

VIII. Jacob's Key Events

- a. Prophecy and Birth
- b. Trades for Birthright
- c. Deceives for Blessing
- d. Escapes from Esau
- e. Deceived by Laban
- f. Works for Laban
- g. Flees from Laban
- h. Wrestles with an Angel (Israel)
- i. Reunion with Esau
- j. Buries Rachel and Isaac

IX. Prophecy and Birth (Gen 25:21-26)

- a. Rebekah was barren for 20 years
- b. Lord's Prophecy:
 - i. Two nations in her womb; one is stronger
 - ii. The older will serve the younger
- c. Esau: Red and hairy
- d. Jacob: Grasping Esau's heel

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X. Brothers as Men (Gen 25:27-28)

- a. Esau: A hunter, outdoorsman
 - i. Isaac's favorite because he had a taste for wild game
- b. Jacob: Plain man, tent-dweller
 - i. Rachel's favorite

XI. Trade for Birthright (Gen 25:29-34)

- a. Sells his birthright to Jacob for some red pottage (Edom)
 - i. "I am about to die, what good is my birthright?"
 - ii. "Esau despised his birthright."
 - iii. Esau trades a lifetime of provisions for a single meal

XII. Bible Commentary (Heb 12:16)

- a. Hebrews 12:16 (14-17)
 - i. "Lest there be any fornicator, or profane person, as Esau, who for one morsel of meat sold his birthright."
- b. Our inheritance
 - i. Ephesians 1:10-11
 - ii. 1Peter 1:3-4
 - iii. Colossians 3:23-24
- c. Trading our inheritance
 - i. Matthew 7:21-23

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XIII. Deception for Blessing (Gen 27:1-41)

- a. Rachel convinces Jacob to deceive Isaac
- b. Isaac questions his speed and voice, and checks his touch and smell
- c. Jacob is blessed and leaves as Esau comes
- d. Isaac and Esau realize the deception, but Jacob's blessing is not revoked
- e. Isaac prophesizes that Esau will serve his brother but will eventually break that yoke

XIV. Escape from Esau (Gen 27:41 – 29:14)

- a. Esau, in his anger intends to kill Jacob
- b. Rachel hears about his intent and convinces Isaac to send Jacob to her brother (Laban) to find a wife
- c. Tells Jacob she will send word when Esau's anger subsides, and it is safe to return
- d. Jacob travels ~450 miles to Haran

XV. Impact of Deception

- a. Rachel heard the Lord's prophecy, yet took matters into her own hands
- b. Lied to her husband
- c. Deprived her sons of a relationship
- d. Saw her favorite son exiled for 20 years (negating inheritance)

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XVI. Jacob's Ladder (Gen 28:10 – 28:22)

- a. Jacob has a dream about a stairway to heaven where angels are ascending and descending, and above it the Lord who passes on the Abrahamic Covenant (28:13-15)
- b. Jacob makes a vow (28:20-22)
 - i. Promises a tenth of all God gives him (Gen 14:20 – Abraham gave Melchizedek a tenth of spoils after rescuing Lot)

XVII. Deceived by Laban (Gen 29:15-30)

- a. Jacob makes a deal with Laban to work for seven years to marry his youngest daughter Rachel
- b. After seven years are up, Laban throws a big feast, and that night swaps Leah for Rachel
- c. Jacob must work another seven years for Rachel

XVIII. Works for Laban (Gen 30:24-43)

- a. Jacob is ready to leave, but Laban asks him to stay, and what his wages would be
- b. Jacob asks for the speckled or spotted sheep, lamb or goat from Laban's herd
- c. Laban agrees, but immediately removes all such animals from his flock
- d. Jacob then puts a breeding system in place where his speckled and spotted animals end up the stronger compared to Laban's herd

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XIX. Jacob's System Explained (Gen 31:1-13)

- a. Jacob explains in verses 31:7-13 that God delivered the flocks to him
- b. Laban had not only removed the original spotted and speckled livestock, but then changed his wages 10 times
- c. According to Jacob, it was God who changed the animals to be born according to the wages that Laban had specified

XX. Jacob Flees from Laban (Gen 31:14 – 55)

- a. Jacob takes his livestock and family and leaves for home
- b. Jacob deceived Laban by not telling him that he was leaving
- c. Rachel stole his father's household gods
- d. Laban chases Jacob down, but God warns Laban not to say anything good or bad
- e. Laban searches Jacob's tents and doesn't find his idols in Rachel's tent
- f. Jacob and Laban take an oath to leave each other alone (another relationship ruined by deception)

XXI. Jacob Prepares to Meet Esau (Gen 29 – 31)

- a. On his way, angels of God met him
- b. Jacob sends messengers to Esau, and they report Esau is on his way with 400 men
- c. Jacob remembers God's promise, but still fears for his life
- d. Fearful, Jacob splits his family and possessions into two groups
- e. He also sends large gift of livestock ahead of his family to Esau

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XXII. Wrestles with an Angel (Gen 32:22-32)

- a. Jacob sends his family and possessions across a ford of Jabbok (a large tributary of the Jordan River)
 - b. Alone, a man wrestles with him until daybreak
 - c. Unable to overpower Jacob, the man touches Jacob's hip and dislocates it
 - d. Jacob still refuses to let go until he is blessed
 - e. The angel names him Israel, then blesses him
 - f. Observations:
 - i. It is likely Jacob had no idea it was an angel until his hip was dislocated (compare to Gen 32:1-2)
 - ii. Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed"
 - iii. "I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved"
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XXIII. Jacob before and after Laban

Before	After
Quiet, dwelling in tents	Capable of wrestling with an angel all night
Empty handed	Wealthy: camels, livestock, goods
Alone	Large family, 2 wives, maidservants, 12 children
Jacob	Israel: strived with man and god, prevailed
Deceiver	Man of character
Follower of his mother	Follower of God (God told him to return)

Romans 5:3-4 "And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; And patience, experience; and experience, hope:" _

XXIV. Reunion with Esau (Gen 33)

- a. Jacob arranges his maidservants with his favorite in the rear
 - b. Even after a heart-felt reunion, Jacob does not trust Esau's intentions
 - c. Will not accompany Esau home, or allow any of his men to stay with Jacob's family
 - d. Jacob doesn't even go home with Esau but settles in another region
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XXV. Retirement (Gen 32 – 33)

- a. Dinah and Shechem
- b. Final return home (before leaving Egypt)
- c. Rachel dies after giving birth to Benjamin
 - i. Buried on the way to Ephrath (Bethlehem)
- d. Jacob now has 12 sons / 12 tribes
- e. Jacob and Esau bury Isaac

XXVI. Esau's Key Events

- a. Birthright
- b. Marries two Hittite Women (Gen 26:34-35)
- c. Blessing
- d. Marries two Canaanite Women (Gen 28:6-9)
- e. Return of Jacob

XXVII. Jacob and Esau (Observations)

- a. Jacob
 - i. Never blamed anyone for his circumstances
 - ii. Obeys every command God gives him
 - iii. Calculating and shrewd
 - iv. Established bloodline of Christ
- b. Esau
 - i. Ignored commands of God
 - ii. Dishonored his parents with his wives
 - iii. Despised his birthright, trading it for a meal
 - iv. Lashed out at Isaac by taking Canaanite wives

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XXVIII. Rachel and Leah

- a. Rachel
 - i. Beautiful and favored
 - ii. Sells a night with Jacob to Leah
 - iii. Steals and hides idols from Laban
 - iv. Buried on the road to Ephrath after giving birth to Benjamin
- b. Leah
 - i. Tender eyed
 - ii. Never revered or honored as much as Rachel until the end of her life
 - iii. Gen 49:31 – Leah is buried in the family tomb (Cave of Machpelah, purchased by Abraham)
 - iv. The mother of two tribes of Israel that played the most significant roles in history
 - 1. Levi, the tribe of the priesthood
 - 2. Judah, the tribe of royalty in the line of Christ

Proverbs 31:30 *"Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised."*

XXIX. Concluding Observations

- a. Responses
 - i. God determined that Esau would serve Jacob
 - 1. Rachel tried to control that outcome and destroyed her family
 - ii. Esau rebelled against his circumstances, dishonoring his parents and God; despised his inheritance
 - iii. Jacob obeyed God every time without complaint

1Corinthians 3:13 – "Our works will be revealed by fire. For what remains we will receive rewards and for what is burned we will suffer loss."

- b. Tribulations
 - i. Jacob is exiled from his family, but God uses this time to transform Jacob
 - 1. Physical strength
 - 2. Family
 - 3. Wealth
 - 4. Character

Romans 5:3-4 – "...we also celebrate in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance; and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope"

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c. The Weak

- i. Jacob is physically weaker brother, quiet and among the tents. It is Jacob that God uses to establish Israel.
- ii. Leah was less attractive, and least preferred. It is Leah that is included in the royal bloodline and buried with the family.

1Corinthians 1:27 – “But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty;”

XXX. Conclusion

- a. God is establishing His eternal kingdom
- b. God determines my circumstances and the outcomes of my efforts
- c. My responses reflect my values and affect my relationship with the Lord and those around me
- d. “...all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.” (Rom 8:28)
- e. We can be thankful for all things, allowing the Peace of God which surpasses all understanding to keep our hearts and minds. (Phi 4:6-7)
- f. Empowers us to put aside fear, anger, jealousy, greed, arrogance...
- g. Enables us to respond in alignment with God's values; obediently loving God and my neighbor as myself. (Mat 22)
- h. Producing a hope that will not disappoint (Rom 5) that makes us salt of the earth and a light to the world (Mat 5).

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Genesis 25:19 – 36: Jacob & Esau | Danny Davis

1. Why do you think God tells us this story, and why include the details he included? Why not just put the names of Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph into a list of names tracing the lineage of Christ?
2. What does Jacob do in his life that is noteworthy? Do you think Jacob was worthy of being named "Israel"? Why did God pick Jacob?
3. How does the life of Jacob illustrate God's sovereignty?
4. How does Romans 9:11-13 relate to the story of Jacob and Esau?
5. How did Esau "despise his birthright"? How is the example of Esau used in Hebrews 12:14-17?
6. What would have happened if Jacob had not schemed to get Esau's birthright and blessing? Would Jacob still have become Israel? Would he still be included in the Abrahamic Covenant?
7. Why doesn't Isaac do anything to correct the situation after he learns he is deceived?
8. Why is the Bible silent in addressing the deceptions in the story? God never calls out the immoral actions of Rachel, Jacob or Laban.
9. Can you relate to Rachel and Jacob's desire to acquire the birthright and blessing? What is the biggest thing in your life today where you struggle to trust God with the results?
10. How do you see Jacob as being different before and after his time in exile?
11. Can you relate to Jacob's time of tribulation in exile? Are there times in your life that were miserable, but in looking back you can see how God used them to help you grow in your faith?
12. Are there difficult events in your life today or in your past that you struggle with? Do you believe those events are orchestrated by God? How does this affect how you respond to those events?

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Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - migh - ty!
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! though the dark - ness hide thee,
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - migh - ty!

Ear - ly in the mor - ning our song shall rise to thee.
cas - ting down their gol - den crowns a - round the glas - sy sea;
though the eye made blind by sin thy glo - ry may not see,
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth, and sky, and sea;

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and migh - ty!
che - ru - bim and se - ra - phim fal - ling down be - fore thee,
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Text: Reginald Heber (1783-1826)
Tune: John B. Bykes (1823-1876)



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www.hymnary.org/text/holy_holy_holy_lord_god_almighty_early

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Discipleship Nugget #4: Finishing the Race

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Sunday | 8:25 a.m.

- **2 Timothy 4:7** - I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith
- Jesus spoke in parables initially to compare earthly things to heavenly things so people could relate to what He was saying.
 - He was the best communicator in the world
 - I am not the best communicator in the world and will use charts, and photos to discuss the Finishing the Race of discipleship.
- Discipleship process starts with someone receiving salvation
 - That person is called a babe in Christ
 - Starts discipleship process by drinking spiritual milk from the breast or a bottle.
 - Source of that milk is the Bible and encouragement and discussions with a mentor or others.

Scenario 1: Assume babe is growing

- Some babes in Christ do not like the taste of solid food and continue to drink milk past the time they should be making the spiritual transition. This process ages their body, but spiritually they are still a babe in Christ.
- Hebrews 5:11-14 says everyone who partakes only of milk is not accustomed to the word of righteousness for he is an infant. Solid food is for the mature that can discern good and evil.

Scenario 2: Assume a spiritual teenager on his way to spiritual maturity

- As he continues to grow spiritually, no more milk; he now eats solid food.
- Most mature Christians state it takes 3-5 years for a babe in Christ to have a good general understanding of God's word, but still a lot of learning to do.
- Spiritually his physical earthly body may look like a 20-year old young adult on his way to becoming a mature spiritual father

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- Continues to grow in the Lord, a strong discipler with a passion for the Lord. But suddenly he decides to retire from the time for Discipleship. He doesn't renounce God, just quits and plays golf in his senior years before he dies.
 - What does he say to Jesus and what is Jesus's reply?

Final Scenario: Assume a man of God dedicated to finishing the race

- Christian starts strong as a babe in Christ, continues maturing and serving God until he dies at 80 years old. He finishes the race. Meets Jesus face to face.
 - What does he say to Jesus and what is Jesus's reply?
- **Discipleship Nugget**

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Devotional: Spiritual Discernment

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Allen Cheatham

Sunday | 8:35 a.m.

1. Definitions:

- a. The ability to judge well
 - b. (Spiritual) Perception in absence of judgment
 - c. Being able to grasp and comprehend what is obscure
 - d. Not just the difference between right and wrong, rather it is the difference between right and almost right (Spurgeon)
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2. Synonyms:

- a. Distinguish (NAS20)
 - b. Perceive
 - c. Ascertain
 - d. Determine
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3. Bible Facts – Discern

- a. Greek words for Discern (17), Discerning (10), Discernment (11) are used 38X in NASB
 - i. 35X in OT; 3X in NT
 - ii. Matthew 16:3 (twice)
 - iii. Hebrews 5:14 => This will be our focus this morning
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4. Hebrews 5:14 | *Read Hebrews 5:11-14 for context*

- a. But solid food
 - b. Is for the mature
 - c. Who because of practice
 - d. Have their senses trained
 - e. To discern good and evil
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5. Solid Food

- a. Milk for infants, then a progression. Baby food in jars, then mac 'n cheese, ultimately steak, etc.
 - b. 1Corinthians 3:1-3 => Paul agrees with the author of Hebrews. Milk is fine for infants, but we must move on; we must grow
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6. Is for the Mature

- a. Greek word used 19X in NT
 - b. Perfect 11X => Matthew 5:48
 - c. Mature 6X => 1 Corinthians 2:6
 - d. Complete 2X => Matthew 19:21
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7. Maturity

- a. Is not related to your physical age
 - b. Is not related to your spiritual age
 - c. Is not related to your Biblical knowledge
 - d. It **IS** the result of Bible study and application of what is learned. It takes time. It is not too late to start. ***Start now!***
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8. Maturity continued

- a. When we don't grow in maturity, we limit our impact for Christ.
 - b. When we don't grow in maturity, we limit our family's impact for Christ.
 - c. When we don't grow in maturity, we limit our ability to protect and lead our families.
 - d. When we don't grow in maturity, the next generation will bear the consequences.
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9. Because of

- a. G1223 => dia
 - b. The channel of an act
 - c. Through
 - d. By reason of
 - e. On account of
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10. Practice

- a. Practice used 18X in NT
 - b. 7 different Greek words for practice
 - c. G1838 – hexis – used once in NT
 - i. A habit of body or mind
 - ii. A power acquired by custom, practice, use
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11. Have their senses

- a. Faculty of the mind for perceiving, understanding, or judging
 - b. Jeremiah 4:19 => he could not remain silent because his soul heard the alarm of war
 - c. Hebrews 5:14 => Senses
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12. Trained

- a. G1128 => gymnazo
 - b. KJV 4 uses => always translated exercise
 - c. To exercise vigorously, in any way, either the body or the mind
 - d. 1Timothy 4:7 “discipline yourself for godliness”
 - e. Hebrews 12:11 “training..discipline..righteousness”
 - f. 2Peter 2:14 (training the wrong way)
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13. To Discern

- Passing judgement (Romans 14:1)
- Distinguishing spirits (1Corinthians 12:10)
- Discern (Hebrews 5:14)
- Good from evil

14. Why the lack of concern about the lack of discernment?

- a. We don't understand the short/long-term costs (Luke 10:13-15; Matthew 10:21-24)
- b. Preoccupation with this life... selfish ambition (James 3:16)
- c. We don't want to offend anyone with absolute truth (2Timothy 4:3)

15. What is the result of a lack of discernment?

- We fail to grow in the word
- We fail to grow spiritually
- We fail to grow in grace
- We fail to experience the benefits of faithfulness and grace
- Our failure in these negatively impacts our families, our friends and our churches
- Our children will be catechized by the world (the flesh) instead of by the Spirit

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Genesis 37 – 50: Joseph, the Sons of Israel & Egypt

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(How God exercises sovereignty to accomplish His plan with or without us)

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Sunday | 9:05 a.m.

I. Introduction

- a. God Teaches Us How He Builds A Nation

II. The Story

- a. STEP ONE: Why and how Joseph is sent ahead to Egypt (Gen 37:1 – 38:30)
- b. STEP TWO: How Joseph rises to power in Egypt (Gen 39:1 – 41:57)
 - i. Potiphar's House
 - ii. Pharaoh's Prison
 - iii. Pharaoh's Dreams
- c. STEP THREE:
 - i. Getting Jacob's family safe and isolated in Egypt (Gen 42:1 – 50:26)
 - ii. Famine forces 10 brothers to go to Egypt for food (Gen 42:1-38)
 - 1. Joseph tests them
 - iii. Return trip with Benjamin for food (Gen 43:1 – 45:28)
 - 1. Another test and reconciliation
 - iv. Bring Jacob and family to Egypt (Gen 46:1 – 47:36)
 - v. Wrap up loose ends (Gen 47:27 – 50:26)
 - 1. Blessings, prophecies, deaths and displays of faith

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III. Observations

- a. If your faith is real – you can persevere
- b. Pain is part of the process, happiness is not the object of the temporal
- c. Understanding the implications of God's absolute sovereignty is critical to walking in obedience on your path
- d. A word about slavery
- e. Families, life and people are not perfect, but they can't stop you from doing what God wants you to do.
- f. A long-term perspective is critical, but everyday focus on what is in front of you (faithfulness to the opportunities)
- g. God works slowly

IV. Post-Conference Questions for Consideration

- a. Why does God record not just the positives but so many of the negatives about His chosen people?
 - i. Why does He make it clear how He will use our sins as well as our good acts to accomplish His plan?
- b. What does Joseph's avoidance of sin with Potiphar's wife teach us about how we can avoid sin and fight temptation?
- c. What does the 13 years Joseph spent as a slave and prisoner teach us about how God uses and molds us?
- d. Why is God's use of a severe 7-year international famine to get Israel settled in Egypt good?
- e. Do you see God's invisible hand in your life and the world around you? Does His sovereignty impact your view of your circumstances? Does it help you control negative emotions (anger, worry, fear, envy, etc.) and help you forgive others?

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Concluding Thoughts & Take-A-Ways

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Sunday | 10:20 a.m.

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Evaluation / Questionnaire

Your answers, comments, and suggestions on the weekend are important to our planning for next year. We appreciate your input and take your opinions seriously. Thank you for taking time to share your thoughts.

1. Please provide your opinion on the following (please print neatly & feel free to write on the back of this sheet) :

Quality of Speakers & Presentation	Excellent	Good	Fair	Comments
Sonny Hathaway <i>Hymns</i>				
Drew Fossler <i>The Importance of God's Word</i>				
Kelly Hudson <i>Discipleship Nuggets</i>				
Jerry Bangert <i>Genesis Introduction & Overview</i>				
Bill McCurine <i>Genesis 1 - 11: Creation, Marriage, Sin & Degeneration of Man</i>				
Bill Ibsen <i>Genesis 12 - 25: Abraham, Lot & Isaac</i>				
Danny Davis <i>Genesis 25:19 - 36: Jacob & Esau</i>				
Allen Cheatham <i>Devotional: Spiritual Discernment</i>				
Hank Miltenberger <i>Genesis 37 - 50: Joseph, the Sons of Israel & Egypt</i>				
Overall Quality of the Weekend				

2. What topics would be of interest to you at future R12.2 Conferences?

3. Please fill out the following (please print neatly)

I would be interested in	(X)	
... joining a Men's Bible Study.		
... joining a Couples' Bible Study.		
... learning how to study the Bible.		

Contact Information

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4. Additional comments / observations:

5. May we help you in any way in your walk with the Lord and your ministry?
(be sure to include your contact info)