

The Story: Genesis 47:1-4

- Brothers presented to Pharaoh
- Shepherds are detestable
- Need and ask for help

The Story: Genesis 47:5-6

- Pharaoh answers Joseph, not brothers
- Hebrews are detestable
- Pharaoh holds all the power

The Story: Genesis 47:7-10

- Jacob presented to Pharaoh
- Looks and sounds old
- 'Blesses' – bows to/honors

The Story: Genesis 47:11-12

- Joseph provides land, property and food
- Pharaoh directs
- Israel is subjugated/humbled

The Story: Genesis 47:27-31

- Israel prospers and increases
- Israel remembers and anticipates promise

The Story: Genesis 47:27-31

- Discipline – *Babylon*
- Growth – *Judah*
- Test Faith – *Abraham*
- Deepen Relationship - *Jacob*
- Show Power - *Exodus*

What Can We Learn?

God's Plan For You May Include Being Humbled

- Discipline -*Hebrews 12:5-11*

"Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as sons. For what son is not disciplined by his father?" -v.7

-God intentionally inflicts pain so you will remember and be deterred.

- Growth -*John 15:1-2*

"while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful." -v.2

-God intentionally cuts you back to make you more full.

- Test Your Faith -*James 1:2-4*

"because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance." -v.3

-God intentionally brings you through the fire to strengthen you

- Deepen Relationship -*Habakkuk 3:17-18*

"yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Savior." -v.18

-God intentionally steps back so you can step closer

- Show His Power -*Judges 7:2-7*

"In order that Israel may not boast against me that her own strength has saved her. . ." -v.2

-God intentionally puts you in circumstances only He can handle