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Genesis 47:1-12,27-31

Humbling Circumstances

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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

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- 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*

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- Discipline *-Hebrews 12:5-11*
- God intentionally inflicts pain so you will remember and be deterred.



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- Growth *-John 15:1-2*

“while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful.”

-v.2

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- Growth *-John 15:1-2*
- God intentionally cuts you back to make you more full.



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

“because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance.”

-v.3

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- Test Your Faith *-James 1:2-4*
- God intentionally brings you through the fire to strengthen you

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What Can We Learn?

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- Deepen Relationship *-Habakkuk 3:17-18*
“yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful
in God my Savior.” *-v.18*



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- Deepen Relationship *-Habakkuk 3:17-18*
- God intentionally steps back so you can step closer



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God's Plan For You May Include Being Humbled

- 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

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What Can We Learn?

God's Plan For You May Include Being Humbled

- Show His Power *-Judges 7:2-7*
- God intentionally puts you in circumstances only He can handle





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