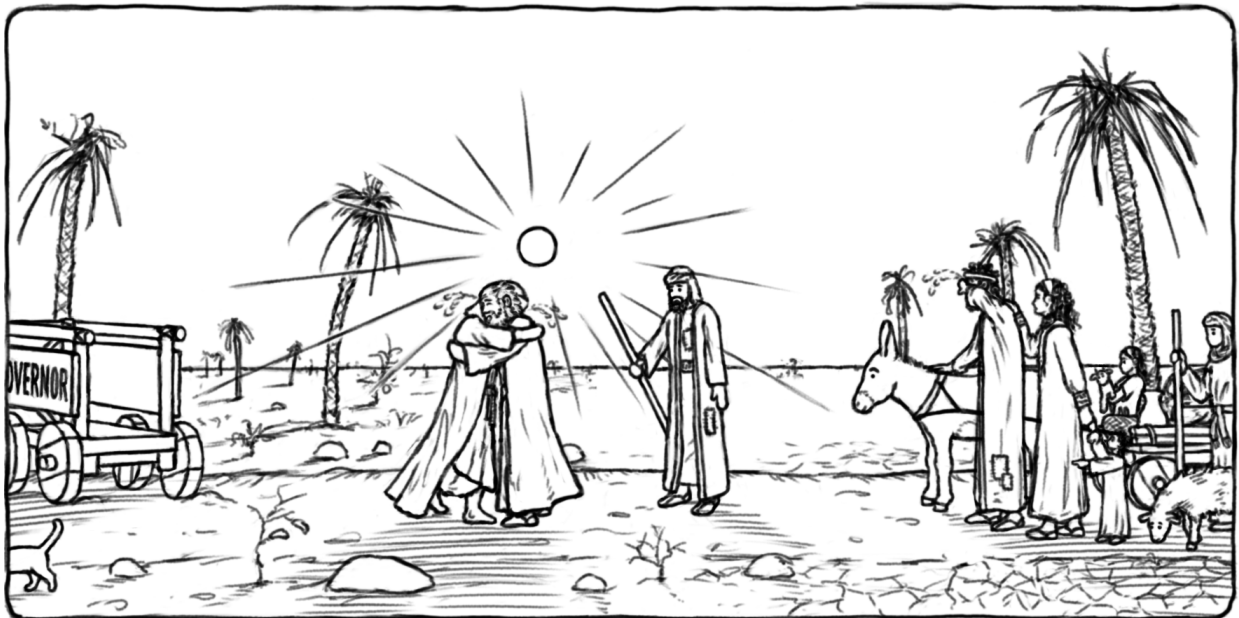
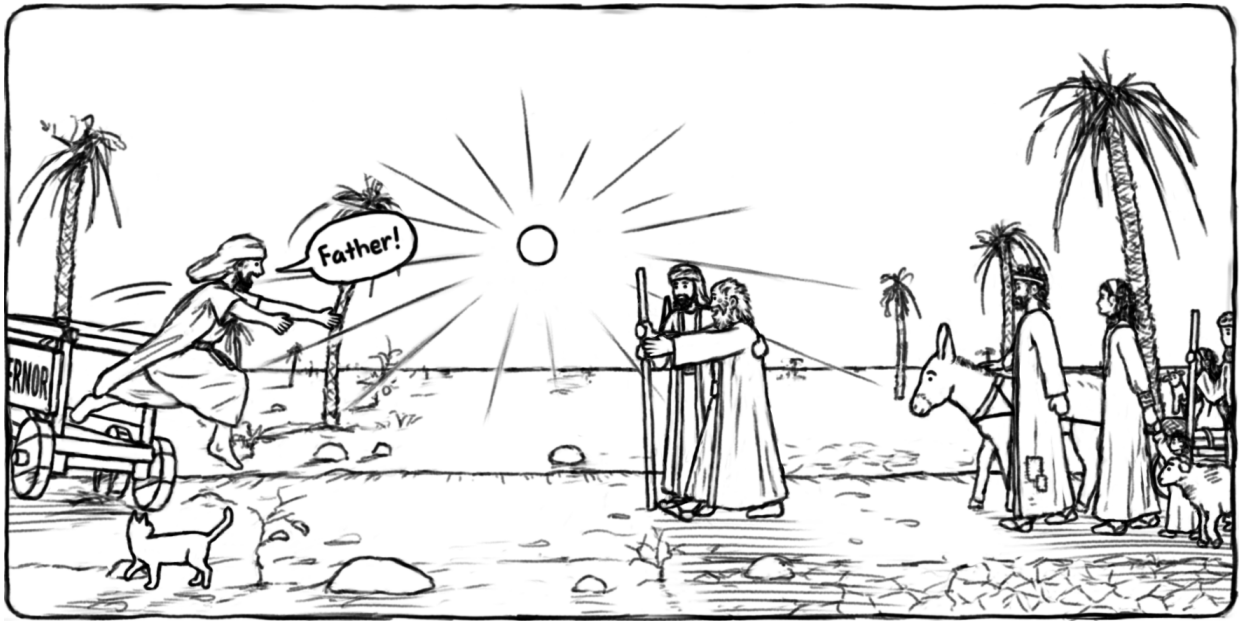




Lesson 17

Ephesians 4:22–24

You were taught not to live the way you used to. You must get rid of your old way of life. That's because it has been made impure by the desire for things that lead you astray. You were taught to be made new in your thinking. You were taught to start living a new life. It is created to be truly good and holy, just as God is.

Jacob Finds Out Joseph Is Alive

Genesis 45:16–28

¹⁶The news reached Pharaoh's palace that Joseph's brothers had come. Pharaoh and all his officials were pleased. ¹⁷Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Here's what I want you to tell your brothers. Say to them, 'Load your animals. Return to the land of Canaan. ¹⁸Bring your father and your families back to me. I'll give you the best land in Egypt. You can enjoy all the good things in the land.'

¹⁹"And here's something else I want you to tell them. Say to them, 'Take some carts from Egypt. Your children and your wives can use them. Get your father and come back. ²⁰Don't worry about the things you have back there. The best of everything in Egypt will belong to you.'

²¹Then the sons of Israel did so. Joseph gave them carts, as Pharaoh had commanded. He also gave them supplies for their journey. ²²He gave new clothes to each of them. But he gave Benjamin more than seven pounds of silver. He also gave him five sets of clothes. ²³He sent his father ten male donkeys loaded with the best things from Egypt. He also sent ten female donkeys loaded with grain and bread and other supplies for his journey. ²⁴Then Joseph sent his brothers away. As they were leaving he said to them, "Don't argue on the way!"

²⁵So they went up out of Egypt. They came to their father Jacob in the land of Canaan. ²⁶They told him, "Joseph is still alive! In fact, he is ruler of the whole land of Egypt." Jacob was shocked. He didn't believe them. ²⁷So they told him everything Joseph had said to them. Jacob saw the carts Joseph had sent to carry him back. That gave new life to their father Jacob. ²⁸Israel said, "I believe it now! My son Joseph is still alive. I'll go and see him before I die."

Questions

- 1 What was Pharaoh and all his officials' response to the news that Joseph's brothers had come? They were all _____. (Gen. 45:16)
- 2 What land did Pharaoh promise to give Joseph's brothers, their father, and their families? Pharaoh promised to give them the _____ land in _____. (Gen. 45:18)

- 3 What else did Pharaoh give Joseph's brothers? Pharaoh gave them some _____ from Egypt to use. (Gen. 45:19)
- 4 What did Joseph give his brothers? Joseph gave his brothers _____ for their journey and _____ clothes. (Gen. 45:21–22)
- 5 What did Joseph give Benjamin? Joseph gave Benjamin more than _____ pounds of _____, as well as _____ sets of _____. (Gen. 45:22)
- 6 What did Joseph give his father? Joseph gave his father _____ male _____ loaded with the _____ things from Egypt, as well as _____ female _____ loaded with _____, _____, and other _____ for Joseph's father's journey to Egypt. (Gen. 45:23)
- 7 What did Joseph tell his brother not to do on the way back to Canaan? Joseph told his brothers not to _____. (Gen. 45:24)
- 8 What do you think Joseph was worried his brothers would argue about? Joseph was probably worried his brothers would argue about the **p**_____ (opposite of "future") and who was most to **b**_____ (means "at fault") for what they had done to their brother Joseph and their father's heart.
- 9 What was Jacob's response when his sons came back from Egypt and told him Joseph was alive? Jacob was _____ and didn't _____ them. (Gen. 45:26)
- 10 What caused Jacob to finally believe his sons' story? Jacob finally believed his sons' story when he _____ the _____ Joseph had sent to carry him to Egypt. (Gen. 45:27–28)
- 11 What happened when Jacob finally believed? It gave Jacob _____. (Gen. 45:27–28)
- 12 What happened to you when you first believed that Jesus not only died on the cross, but also rose from the dead and is alive? When I first believed, it gave me _____, too!

Romans 6:23

When you sin, the pay you get is death. But God gives you the gift of eternal life. That's because of what Christ Jesus our Lord has done.

Jacob Goes Down to Egypt

Genesis 46:1–7, 26–34

¹So Israel started out with everything that belonged to him. When he reached Beersheba, he offered sacrifices to the God of his father Isaac.

²God spoke to Israel in a vision at night. “Jacob! Jacob!” He said.

“Here I am,” Jacob replied.

³“I am God. I am the God of your father,” He said. “Do not be afraid to go down to Egypt. There I will make you into a great nation. ⁴I will go down to Egypt with you. I will surely bring you back again. And when you die, Joseph will close your eyes with his own hand.”

⁵Then Jacob left Beersheba. Israel’s sons put their father Jacob and their families in the carts that Pharaoh had sent to carry him. ⁶So Jacob and his whole family went to Egypt. They took their livestock with them. And they took everything they had acquired in Canaan. ⁷Jacob brought his sons and grandsons with him to Egypt. He also brought his daughters and granddaughters. He brought his whole family with him.

²⁶The total number of people who went to Egypt with Jacob was 66. That number includes only his own children and grandchildren. It doesn’t include his sons’ wives or his grandsons’ wives. ²⁷The total number of the members of Jacob’s family who went to Egypt was 70. That includes the two sons who had been born to Joseph in Egypt.

²⁸Jacob sent Judah ahead of him to Joseph. He sent him to get directions to Goshen. And so they arrived in the area of Goshen. ²⁹Then Joseph had his servants get his chariot ready. He went to Goshen to meet his father Israel. As soon as he came to his father, Joseph threw his arms around him. Then Joseph wept for a long time.

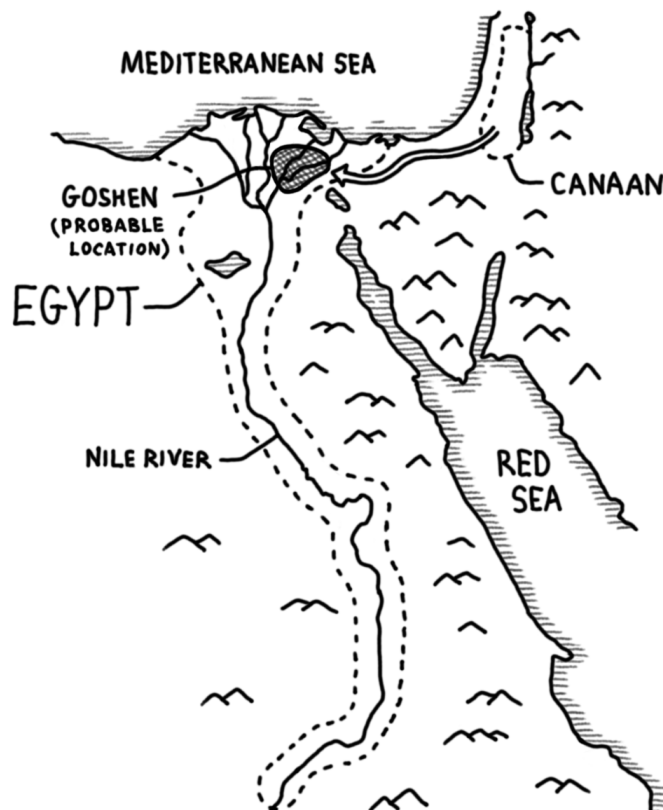
³⁰Israel said to Joseph, “I have seen for myself that you are still alive. Now I’m ready to die.”

³¹Then Joseph spoke to his brothers and to the rest of his father’s family. He said, “I will go up and speak to Pharaoh. I’ll say to him, ‘My brothers and the rest of my father’s family have come to me. They were living in the land of Canaan. ³²The men are shepherds. They take care of livestock. They’ve brought along their flocks and herds and everything they own.’ ³³Pharaoh will send for you. He’ll ask, ‘What do you do for a living?’ ³⁴You should answer, ‘We’ve taken care of livestock from the time we were boys. We’ve done just as our fathers did.’ It’s the practice of the people of Egypt not to mix with shepherds. So Pharaoh will let you settle in the area of Goshen.”

Questions

- 13 What did Jacob/Israel take with him on his journey to Egypt? Israel took _____ that _____ to him. (Gen. 46:1)
- 14 What did Israel do when he reached Beersheba? Israel offered _____ to the _____ of his father, Isaac. (Gen. 46:1)
- 15 How did God speak to Israel one night? God spoke to Israel in a _____ at night. (Gen. 46:2)
- 16 What did God say to Jacob? God told Jacob to not be _____ to go down to _____, because there God would make him into a _____ nation. God promised Jacob that God would go down to Egypt _____ him and would bring him _____ again. (Gen. 46:3–4)

- 17 Who did God say would be with Jacob when he died? God said that _____ would be with Jacob when he died. Joseph would be the one to _____ his father's _____ with his own _____. (Gen. 46:4)
- 18 Whom did Jacob bring with him to Egypt? Jacob brought with him his _____ family, including his **s**_____, **g**_____, **d**_____, and **g**_____. (Gen. 46:6–7)
- 19 What did Jacob and his family take with them to Egypt? Jacob and his family took with them their _____ and _____ they had acquired in Canaan. (Gen. 46:6)
- 20 What was the total number of direct descendants who went with Jacob to Egypt, not counting his sons' wives or grandsons' wives? The total number of direct descendants who went with Jacob to Egypt was _____. (Gen. 46:26)
- 21 Including Jacob, Joseph, and Joseph's two sons, how many members of Jacob's family would then be living in the land of Egypt? There would then be _____ members of Jacob's family living in the land of Egypt. (Gen. 46:27)
- 22 Whom did Jacob send ahead of him to Joseph? Why? Jacob sent _____ ahead of him to Joseph to get _____ to _____. (Gen. 46:28)





Judah was the one who was willing to take Benjamin's place as Joseph's slave. Even though Judah was Leah's fourth son, God chose him to lead his brothers (see Genesis 49:8). Not only that, but God also chose Judah for the lineage of Jesus to go through!

- 23 What did Joseph do when he saw his father for the first time in about 22 years? Joseph _____ his arms around his father and _____ for a _____ time. (Gen. 46:29)



Israel lived the last 17 years of his life in Egypt with all his sons, including Joseph.

- 24 What was the job of the men in Jacob's family when they were living in the land of Canaan? The men in Jacob's family were _____. (Gen. 46:32)
- 25 What do shepherds do? Shepherds take care of _____. (Gen. 46:32)
- 26 Why did Joseph think that Pharaoh would let Joseph's family live in the area of Goshen? Joseph thought that Pharaoh would let Joseph's family live in the area of Goshen because it was the _____ of the people of Egypt not to _____ with shepherds. (Gen. 46:34)

How did the Holy Spirit speak to you this week as you studied these Bible verses? In other words, what did you learn this week from reading God's Word?
