



Calvary Oro Valley

Wed. Night Discipleship Group Study

Wednesday, June 18th, 2025

Genesis Study #53

Genesis 48:1-22

1. Verses 1-7

- a. Why do you think Jacob emphasizes God's promise in verses 3–4 as he prepares to bless Joseph's sons?
- b. What is the significance of Jacob adopting Ephraim and Manasseh as his own sons?
- c. Who, in a sense, were disqualified from their positions of leadership in Israel's family because of their sins? (See Genesis 34:25; 35:22)

2. Verses 8-20

- a. Why do you think Jacob crossed his hands and gave the greater blessing to Ephraim?
- b. How does this moment echo other biblical stories of reversed blessings (e.g., Jacob & Esau)?
- c. What does this tell us about how God works through unexpected or non-traditional choices? What are other examples of this in the Bible?

3. Verses 21-22

- a. How does Jacob's faith shine through in his final words to Joseph?
- b. What might the "one portion more than your brothers" symbolize spiritually or historically?
- c. How does Jacob model trusting God in the face of death?

Helpful Bible Study Resources:

- **Pastor David Guzik** – Visit www.enduringword.com and click on “Commentary” at the top of the page for verse-by-verse insights.
- **Blue Letter Bible** – Go to www.blueletterbible.org to read or listen to various commentaries (like Chuck Smith and J. Vernon McGee), explore multiple Bible translations, and use Strong’s Concordance for original Hebrew and Greek word meanings.
- **Pastor Jon Courson** – Access his teachings at www.joncourson.com. On the left-hand side, click “Topical and Expository Teachings Sorted by Bible Book” to find his verse-by-verse commentary.
- **Bible Hub** – Visit www.biblehub.com to explore classic commentaries from well-known Bible teachers. Just enter your scripture passage in the search bar at the top.
- **Crosswalk** – Another valuable site for Bible study and commentaries: www.crosswalk.com.

How to Study God’s Word Effectively:

Remember the simple yet powerful approach we’ve learned:

1. Soak in the Passage
 - Read the passage multiple times. Each time, pray and ask God to speak to you—inviting His Spirit to give you insight, clarity, and understanding.
2. Follow the O.I.A. Method:
 - **Observation** – Write down everything you notice in the text, even the simplest details. Don’t overlook the obvious—just note what you see.
 - **Interpretation** – What do those observations mean? Seek to understand the message and context of what you’ve written down.
 - **Application** – Based on what you’ve read and understood, how does this truth apply to your life? What is God calling you to believe, change, or do?