

The Story of Joseph: Seeing the Bigger Picture
Weekly Reading Plan

The Week of January 4-10, 2025

Joseph's Dreams (Genesis 37:1-17)

Use any five days this week. Keep one day for catch-up and one day to prepare for Sunday.

Reading 1: Genesis 37:1-11

Thought: God may give a glimpse of calling before He explains the path.

Question: Where do I need patience to trust God's process?

Points to Christ / Attribute of God: Jesus is the beloved Son who is envied and rejected; God is a revealer who speaks.

Reading 2: Genesis 37:12-17

Thought: Ordinary obedience can open an unexpected chapter.

Question: What simple step of obedience is in front of me?

Points to Christ / Attribute of God: Jesus was "sent" to His own; God is a guide who directs our steps.

Reading 3: Proverbs 16:1-9

Thought: We plan, but the Lord directs; the bigger picture belongs to Him.

Question: Where am I gripping control instead of surrendering?

Points to Christ / Attribute of God: Jesus is God's wisdom embodied; God is sovereign over plans.

Reading 4: Romans 8:28-30

Thought: God doesn't waste pain; He weaves it for good and forms Christ in us.

Question: What "hard thing" might God be using to shape me?

Points to Christ / Attribute of God: Our destiny is Christlikeness; God is providential and purposeful.

Reading 5: Psalm 139:1-18

Thought: You're fully known and fully loved. God's care is detailed, not distant.

Question: What changes when I remember God sees my whole story?

Points to Christ / Attribute of God: Jesus knows His sheep completely; God is omniscient and tender.

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The Week of January 11-17, 2025

Joseph Sold into Slavery (Genesis 37:18-36)

Use any five days this week. Keep one day for catch-up and one day to prepare for Sunday.

Reading 1: Genesis 37:18-28

Thought: Betrayal can feel final, but God can turn “sent away” into “sent ahead.”

Question: Where have I labeled something “the end” too soon?

Points to Christ / Attribute of God: Jesus was sold out by His own; God is a redeemer of evil intent.

Reading 2: Genesis 37:29-36

Thought: Sin multiplies grief, but God still works in the wreckage.

Question: What ripple effect might God be exposing in my choices?

Points to Christ / Attribute of God: Jesus bears the grief sin causes; God is holy and truthful.

Reading 3: Psalm 105:16-22

Thought: Scripture names God’s hidden hand in suffering.

Question: What would it look like to trust God’s hidden work today?

Points to Christ / Attribute of God: God is arranging salvation-history; God is faithful behind the scenes.

Reading 4: Acts 7:9-10

Thought: “God was with him.” Presence doesn’t prevent pain, but it changes everything.

Question: How can I practice awareness of God’s presence today?

Points to Christ / Attribute of God: Jesus is “God with us”; God is present and near.

Reading 5: 1 Peter 2:19-23

Thought: Jesus understands unjust suffering. Entrust yourself to God.

Question: Where do I need to entrust myself to the Father’s justice?

Points to Christ / Attribute of God: Jesus is the righteous sufferer; God is just and trustworthy.

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The Week of January 18-24, 2025

The Attempted Seduction of Joseph (Genesis 39:1-18)

Use any five days this week. Keep one day for catch-up and one day to prepare for Sunday.

Reading 1: Genesis 39:1-6

Thought: Integrity is built in daily faithfulness, not just crisis moments.

Question: What “small” integrity choice is shaping me?

Points to Christ / Attribute of God: Jesus was faithful in every temptation; God is with His people in ordinary days.

Reading 2: Genesis 39:7-12

Thought: Joseph doesn’t negotiate with temptation. He runs.

Question: What do I need to stop “lingering” around?

Points to Christ / Attribute of God: Jesus resisted the tempter; God is holy and provides escape.

Reading 3: Genesis 39:13-18

Thought: Doing right doesn’t guarantee being treated right—but God sees.

Question: When have I been misunderstood for doing right?

Points to Christ / Attribute of God: Jesus was falsely accused; God is all-seeing.

Reading 4: 2 Timothy 2:22

Thought: Flee sin and pursue righteousness with others.

Question: Who helps me pursue Jesus when temptation rises?

Points to Christ / Attribute of God: Jesus forms a holy people; God is wise in giving community.

Reading 5: Proverbs 5:1-14

Thought: Sin promises pleasure and delivers chains. Wisdom warns early.

Question: What lie about sin do I need to reject?

Points to Christ / Attribute of God: Jesus is truer wisdom; God is protective and good.

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The Week of January 25-31, 2025

Joseph Thrown into Prison (Genesis 39:19-40:23)

Use any five days this week. Keep one day for catch-up and one day to prepare for Sunday.

Reading 1: Genesis 39:19-23

Thought: A “prison season” can be refinement, not abandonment.

Question: Where do I need to reinterpret my “prison” through faith?

Points to Christ / Attribute of God: Jesus entered suffering and confinement; God is faithful in hardship.

Reading 2: Genesis 40:1-8

Thought: Joseph serves while suffering. Pain doesn’t have to shrink love.

Question: Who can I care for even while I’m hurting?

Points to Christ / Attribute of God: Jesus serves the broken; God is compassionate.

Reading 3: Genesis 40:9-19

Thought: God gives clarity, not control; speak truth with courage.

Question: Am I willing to speak truth even if it costs me?

Points to Christ / Attribute of God: Jesus is the Truth; God is true and reliable.

Reading 4: Genesis 40:20-23

Thought: Delays are not denials. God’s timing is never random.

Question: Where do I feel forgotten, and how will I bring it to God?

Points to Christ / Attribute of God: Jesus knows abandonment; God is patient and purposeful.

Reading 5: Psalm 27

Thought: Waiting becomes worship when confidence rests in God’s character.

Question: What does “wait for the Lord” look like for me?

Points to Christ / Attribute of God: Jesus waited on the Father; God is light and salvation.

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The Week of February 1-7, 2025

Joseph Interprets Pharaoh's Dreams (Genesis 41:1-36)

Use any five days this week. Keep one day for catch-up and one day to prepare for Sunday.

Reading 1: Genesis 41:1-14

Thought: God prepares us through the slow, then opens doors suddenly.

Question: What has God been forming in me during the slow?

Points to Christ / Attribute of God: Jesus came "in the fullness of time"; God is wise in timing.

Reading 2: Genesis 41:15-16

Thought: Joseph gives God credit immediately. Humility honors the Source.

Question: Where do I need to give God credit?

Points to Christ / Attribute of God: Jesus glorified the Father; God is worthy of honor.

Reading 3: Genesis 41:17-36

Thought: God reveals, and faith responds with wise action.

Question: What faithful action is God inviting me to take?

Points to Christ / Attribute of God: Jesus is God's ultimate revelation; God is wise.

Reading 4: Daniel 2:19-23, 27-30

Thought: God reveals mysteries. Answers should lead to worship.

Question: Do my answers lead me to worship?

Points to Christ / Attribute of God: Christ reveals the Father; God is revealing and gracious.

Reading 5: James 1:5

Thought: God gives wisdom generously. Ask and obey.

Question: What specific wisdom do I need today?

Points to Christ / Attribute of God: Jesus is wisdom for us; God is generous.

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The Week of February 8-14, 2025

Joseph's Job Promotion (Genesis 41:37-57)

Use any five days this week. Keep one day for catch-up and one day to prepare for Sunday.

Reading 1: Genesis 41:37-45

Thought: Promotion doesn't erase pain, but God can redeem it.

Question: If God "promoted" me, what would I be tempted to forget?

Points to Christ / Attribute of God: Jesus is exalted after suffering; God raises up in His time.

Reading 2: Genesis 41:46-49

Thought: Faithful stewardship in abundance prepares for what's ahead.

Question: Where can I be more intentional with what God's given me?

Points to Christ / Attribute of God: Jesus stewarded His mission perfectly; God is provider.

Reading 3: Genesis 41:50-57

Thought: God turns personal healing into public blessing.

Question: How might God use my story to bless others?

Points to Christ / Attribute of God: Jesus becomes bread for the world; God is merciful.

Reading 4: Colossians 3:23-24

Thought: Work becomes worship when Jesus is the audience.

Question: What needs "as unto the Lord" focus in my life?

Points to Christ / Attribute of God: Jesus pleased the Father; God is a rewarder.

Reading 5: Psalm 75:1-7

Thought: Humility rests in God's control of outcomes.

Question: Where do I need to rest instead of striving?

Points to Christ / Attribute of God: Jesus reigns by God's appointment; God is sovereign judge.

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The Brothers' Trip to Egypt (Genesis 42:1-20)

Use any five days this week. Keep one day for catch-up and one day to prepare for Sunday.

Reading 1: Genesis 42:1-8

Thought: Need exposes what comfort hid, and God can use it to move us toward help.

Question: What need is pushing me to seek God more honestly?

Points to Christ / Attribute of God: Jesus welcomes the hungry; God is attentive and providing.

Reading 2: Genesis 42:9-20

Thought: Pressure can awaken a sleeping conscience and surface the truth.

Question: What might God be bringing into the light in me?

Points to Christ / Attribute of God: Jesus convicts to heal; God is holy.

Reading 3: Deuteronomy 8:2-3

Thought: God sometimes allows lack to teach dependence beyond bread.

Question: What am I depending on besides God?

Points to Christ / Attribute of God: Jesus is the true bread; God is a Father who teaches.

Reading 4: John 6:32-35

Thought: Only Christ satisfies the deepest hunger of the soul.

Question: Where am I trying to be satisfied apart from Jesus?

Points to Christ / Attribute of God: Jesus is the Bread of Life; God is satisfying.

Reading 5: Psalm 130

Thought: Waiting becomes hope when we anchor in God's mercy and redeeming love.

Question: How can I practice hopeful waiting this week?

Points to Christ / Attribute of God: Jesus brings redemption; God is merciful.

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The Week of February 22-28, 2025

Family Drama (Genesis 42:21-38)

Use any five days this week. Keep one day for catch-up and one day to prepare for Sunday.

Reading 1: Genesis 42:21-24

Thought: Conviction isn't God crushing you, it's God calling you home.

Question: What is my conscience trying to tell me?

Points to Christ / Attribute of God: Jesus leads us to repentance; God is kind.

Reading 2: Genesis 42:25-28

Thought: Grace can feel scary when we expect judgment, but kindness is God's invitation.

Question: Do I trust God's kindness?

Points to Christ / Attribute of God: Jesus gives unearned grace; God is gracious.

Reading 3: Genesis 42:29-38

Thought: Fear distorts reality and multiplies conflict, especially in family systems.

Question: Where is fear driving my decisions right now?

Points to Christ / Attribute of God: Jesus speaks peace; God is patient.

Reading 4: 2 Corinthians 7:9-11

Thought: Godly sorrow leads to change; worldly sorrow circles shame.

Question: Is my sorrow moving me toward repentance and life?

Points to Christ / Attribute of God: Jesus restores the repentant; God gives repentance.

Reading 5: Psalm 32:1-7

Thought: Confession is release. Hiding multiplies weight. Honesty opens healing.

Question: What do I need to bring into the light?

Points to Christ / Attribute of God: Jesus forgives and cleanses; God is forgiving.

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A Forced Return to Egypt (Genesis 43:1-18)

Use any five days this week. Keep one day for catch-up and one day to prepare for Sunday.

Reading 1: Genesis 43:1-10

Thought: Real change often requires a hard step you'd rather avoid.

Question: What hard step of faith have I been resisting?

Points to Christ / Attribute of God: Jesus calls costly discipleship; God strengthens the obedient.

Reading 2: Genesis 43:11-14

Thought: Surrender is trusting God with outcomes you can't control.

Question: What outcome do I need to release to God?

Points to Christ / Attribute of God: Jesus entrusted Himself to the Father; God is sovereign.

Reading 3: Genesis 43:15-18

Thought: Fear interprets mercy as threat; faith learns to expect God's goodness.

Question: Where am I assuming the worst about God's intentions?

Points to Christ / Attribute of God: Jesus welcomes sinners; God is good.

Reading 4: Hebrews 4:14-16

Thought: Because of Jesus, we approach God with confidence, not dread.

Question: What bold request do I need to bring to God?

Points to Christ / Attribute of God: Jesus is our High Priest; God is gracious.

Reading 5: Psalm 34:4-10

Thought: God meets seekers in fear and leads them into praise and trust.

Question: What fear can I name and surrender in prayer?

Points to Christ / Attribute of God: Jesus delivers the afflicted; God is near.

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Feast with the Family (Genesis 43:19-34)

Use any five days this week. Keep one day for catch-up and one day to prepare for Sunday.

Reading 1: Genesis 43:19-25

Thought: Grace disarms defensiveness and makes room for peace.

Question: Where do I need to receive God's peace instead of defending myself?

Points to Christ / Attribute of God: Jesus gives peace; God is gentle.

Reading 2: Genesis 43:26-31

Thought: Compassion can flow even after deep wounds. God can soften hardened hearts.

Question: Where do I need a softened heart?

Points to Christ / Attribute of God: Jesus is moved with compassion; God is compassionate.

Reading 3: Genesis 43:32-34

Thought: Tables can become turning points. God uses fellowship to rebuild what sin broke.

Question: Who might God be calling me to welcome (or forgive) this week?

Points to Christ / Attribute of God: Jesus eats with sinners; God is reconciling.

Reading 4: Luke 15:20-24

Thought: The Father runs toward repentant children. Restoration is God's joy.

Question: Do I believe God delights to receive me?

Points to Christ / Attribute of God: Jesus brings prodigals home; God is welcoming.

Reading 5: Romans 12:17-21

Thought: Overcoming evil with good is gospel-strength, not weakness.

Question: What good can I do toward someone difficult?

Points to Christ / Attribute of God: Jesus overcame evil by the cross and resurrection; God is victorious.

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The Silver Cup (Genesis 44:1-17)

Use any five days this week. Keep one day for catch-up and one day to prepare for Sunday.

Reading 1: Genesis 44:1-6

Thought: God sometimes tests to expose what's real and heal what's hidden.

Question: What might God be testing in me right now?

Points to Christ / Attribute of God: Jesus purifies His people; God is wise.

Reading 2: Genesis 44:7-13

Thought: When consequences hit, our true treasures and loyalties show up fast.

Question: What do my reactions reveal about what I value most?

Points to Christ / Attribute of God: Jesus reveals idols to free us; God is revealing.

Reading 3: Genesis 44:14-17

Thought: Accountability is painful, but it's the doorway to freedom.

Question: What responsibility do I need to own instead of deflecting?

Points to Christ / Attribute of God: Jesus judges rightly; God is holy.

Reading 4: Proverbs 28:13

Thought: Concealment keeps us stuck; confession opens mercy.

Question: What am I tempted to hide and why?

Points to Christ / Attribute of God: Jesus offers mercy to confessors; God is merciful.

Reading 5: 1 John 1:5-10

Thought: Walking in the light brings cleansing and restored fellowship.

Question: Where do I need to step into the light this week?

Points to Christ / Attribute of God: Jesus cleanses from sin; God is faithful.

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The Negotiation (Genesis 44:18-34)

Use any five days this week. Keep one day for catch-up and one day to prepare for Sunday.

Reading 1: Genesis 44:18-23

Thought: God can change our posture. Humility replaces self-protection over time.

Question: Where do I need humility instead of self-defense?

Points to Christ / Attribute of God: Jesus is gentle and humble; God is patient.

Reading 2: Genesis 44:24-29

Thought: Healing often begins when we stop pretending the pain didn't hurt.

Question: What pain do I need to name honestly before God?

Points to Christ / Attribute of God: Jesus sympathizes with our weakness; God is tender.

Reading 3: Genesis 44:30-34

Thought: Substitution is love in action, offering yourself for another's good.

Question: Where is God calling me to sacrificial love?

Points to Christ / Attribute of God: Judah foreshadows Jesus; God is saving.

Reading 4: Isaiah 53:4-6

Thought: Jesus carried what we deserved. His wounds are our peace.

Question: How does Jesus' sacrifice reshape my shame and guilt?

Points to Christ / Attribute of God: Jesus is our Substitute; God is just and merciful.

Reading 5: Mark 10:45

Thought: Greatness in God's kingdom looks like service and self-giving love.

Question: Who can I serve this week without needing credit?

Points to Christ / Attribute of God: Jesus came to serve and ransom; God is self-giving love.

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The Week of March 28 - April 3, 2025

Palm Sunday + The Lord's Supper

Use any five days this week. Keep one day for catch-up and one day to prepare for Sunday.

Reading 1: Zechariah 9:9-12

Thought: God's King arrives gentle (not flashy) bringing a better kind of rescue.

Question: Where have I demanded God meet my expectations?

Points to Christ / Attribute of God: Jesus is the humble King; God is gentle.

Reading 2: Psalm 118:19-29

Thought: Praise grows when we remember God's steadfast love and faithful rescue.

Question: What specific mercy from God can I thank Him for today?

Points to Christ / Attribute of God: Jesus is the cornerstone; God is steadfast in love.

Reading 3: Matthew 21:1-11

Thought: The crowd wanted a different Savior, but Jesus still comes as King.

Question: Do I want Jesus as King, or as a tool for my agenda?

Points to Christ / Attribute of God: Jesus is the true King; God is patient.

Reading 4: Mark 14:12-26

Thought: At the table, Jesus defines deliverance through His body and blood.

Question: What does communion invite me to remember and repent of?

Points to Christ / Attribute of God: Jesus is our Passover Lamb; God is covenant-making.

Reading 5: Philippians 2:5-11

Thought: The path to glory goes through humility. Jesus shows the way.

Question: Where do I need Christ's humble mindset this week?

Points to Christ / Attribute of God: Jesus is exalted Lord; God is glorious.

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The Week of April 5-11, 2025

Easter (Resurrection)

Use any five days this week. Keep one day for catch-up and one day to prepare for Sunday.

Reading 1: Isaiah 53:10-12

Thought: What looked like defeat was God's saving plan. He turned suffering into victory.

Question: What does Jesus' death accomplish for me personally?

Points to Christ / Attribute of God: Jesus is the Suffering Servant; God is saving.

Reading 2: Luke 23:32-49

Thought: Forgiveness flows from the cross. Love chooses mercy at the worst moment.

Question: Who do I need to forgive in light of the cross?

Points to Christ / Attribute of God: Jesus forgives from the cross; God is merciful.

Reading 3: Luke 23:50-56

Thought: God is still working in "silent" seasons. Faith waits with hope.

Question: How will I trust God when He feels quiet?

Points to Christ / Attribute of God: Jesus truly died and was buried; God is faithful.

Reading 4: Luke 24:1-12

Thought: The empty tomb rewrites reality. Hope is rooted, not wishful.

Question: Where do I need resurrection hope right now?

Points to Christ / Attribute of God: Jesus is risen; God is powerful.

Reading 5: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Thought: The gospel is the foundation. Hold fast to Christ's death and resurrection.

Question: How will I keep the gospel central this week?

Points to Christ / Attribute of God: Jesus is the risen Lord who appeared; God is truthful.

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The Week of April 12-18, 2025

The Big Reveal (Genesis 45:1-15)

Use any five days this week. Keep one day for catch-up and one day to prepare for Sunday.

Reading 1: Genesis 45:1-8

Thought: God's providence can be true without denying real wrongs. He can redeem evil intent.

Question: Can I hold both truths: people hurt me and God is still at work?

Points to Christ / Attribute of God: Jesus was sent to save; God is sovereign.

Reading 2: Genesis 45:9-15

Thought: Reconciliation isn't a speech, its movement, humility, and embrace.

Question: Who might God be calling me to move toward?

Points to Christ / Attribute of God: Jesus reconciles enemies; God is reconciling.

Reading 3: Matthew 5:43-48

Thought: Enemy-love is supernatural, and it mirrors the Father's heart.

Question: What is one concrete act of love I can do toward an "enemy"?

Points to Christ / Attribute of God: Jesus loved His enemies; God is perfect love.

Reading 4: Romans 8:31-39

Thought: God's love is not fragile. Nothing gets the final word over it.

Question: What fear do I need to replace with confidence in God's love?

Points to Christ / Attribute of God: Jesus intercedes for us; God is steadfast.

Reading 5: Genesis 50:15-21

Thought: God can mean good through what others meant for harm without excusing sin.

Question: Where do I need to release bitterness to God's redeeming hands?

Points to Christ / Attribute of God: The cross turns evil into salvation-good; God is redeemer.

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The Week of April 19-25, 2025

Jacob's New Lease on Life (Genesis 45:16-28)

Use any five days this week. Keep one day for catch-up and one day to prepare for Sunday.

Reading 1: Genesis 45:16-20

Thought: God provides what we need, often with generosity we didn't expect.

Question: Where do I need to trust God for practical provision?

Points to Christ / Attribute of God: Jesus provides for His people; God is provider.

Reading 2: Genesis 45:21-24

Thought: Forgiveness must learn new habits. Peace along the road matters.

Question: What quarrel or conflict do I need to stop feeding?

Points to Christ / Attribute of God: Jesus makes peace among brothers; God is peacemaker.

Reading 3: Genesis 45:25-28

Thought: God can revive hope that feels too late or too dead.

Question: Where has hope grown cold in me?

Points to Christ / Attribute of God: Jesus resurrects hope; God is life-giver.

Reading 4: Psalm 126:1-6

Thought: Tears can become harvest. Faithfulness now can become joy later.

Question: What seed of faithfulness am I sowing through tears?

Points to Christ / Attribute of God: Jesus turns mourning to joy; God is restorer.

Reading 5: Ephesians 3:20-21

Thought: God's ability outruns our imagination. His bigger picture is always better.

Question: Where have I put a ceiling on what God can do?

Points to Christ / Attribute of God: Jesus displays God's power; God is able.

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The Week of April 26 - May 2, 2025

Jacob's Journey to Egypt (Genesis 46:1-27)

Use any five days this week. Keep one day for catch-up and one day to prepare for Sunday.

Reading 1: Genesis 46:1-7

Thought: God meets fear with promise: "I will go with you."

Question: What fear is God asking me to bring to Him?

Points to Christ / Attribute of God: Jesus is Emmanuel; God is with us.

Reading 2: Genesis 46:8-15

Thought: God cares about names and people. No one is lost in the crowd.

Question: Do I believe God sees me personally today?

Points to Christ / Attribute of God: Jesus knows His sheep by name; God is personal.

Reading 3: Genesis 46:16-27

Thought: God is building a people while moving a family. His work spans generations.

Question: What legacy of faith am I building (or neglecting)?

Points to Christ / Attribute of God: Jesus gathers a people; God is covenant-keeping.

Reading 4: Hebrews 11:8-16

Thought: God's people live as pilgrims, secure in promises more than places.

Question: Where am I too settled in "this world" security?

Points to Christ / Attribute of God: Jesus prepares a better country; God is promise-maker.

Reading 5: Isaiah 41:10-13

Thought: God upholds the weak with His strong hand. His grip is stronger than ours.

Question: Where do I need God's strength right now?

Points to Christ / Attribute of God: Jesus holds the weary; God is strong.

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The Week of May 3-9, 2025

Settling into Egypt (Genesis 46:28-47:12)

Use any five days this week. Keep one day for catch-up and one day to prepare for Sunday.

Reading 1: Genesis 46:28-34

Thought: Prayer and wise planning can work together. Wisdom is often God's care.

Question: Where do I need both prayer and wise planning?

Points to Christ / Attribute of God: Jesus gives wisdom; God is wise.

Reading 2: Genesis 47:1-6

Thought: Influence is for blessing others, not building ego.

Question: How am I using my influence? Self-first or others-first?

Points to Christ / Attribute of God: Jesus is the Servant-King; God is good.

Reading 3: Genesis 47:7-12

Thought: God's blessing is meant to spill outward, even to outsiders.

Question: Who outside my "circle" could be blessed through me?

Points to Christ / Attribute of God: Jesus blesses the nations; God is generous.

Reading 4: Psalm 23

Thought: Even in unfamiliar places, the Shepherd is near and leading.

Question: Where do I need to trust God's shepherding today?

Points to Christ / Attribute of God: Jesus is the Good Shepherd; God is shepherd.

Reading 5: Matthew 6:25-34

Thought: Anxiety shrinks our world to today; Jesus expands it to Father and kingdom.

Question: What worry will I hand to God in prayer today?

Points to Christ / Attribute of God: Jesus teaches trust; God is Father.

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The Week of May 10-16, 2025

How to Navigate a Famine (Genesis 47:13-31)

Use any five days this week. Keep one day for catch-up and one day to prepare for Sunday.

Reading 1: Genesis 47:13-17

Thought: Scarcity reveals what we trust, but God still provides, often through wise stewardship.

Question: What does stress reveal about my trust?

Points to Christ / Attribute of God: Jesus sustains the needy; God is provider.

Reading 2: Genesis 47:18-22

Thought: Crisis tests compassion. God cares how power treats the vulnerable.

Question: Who can I treat with compassion this week?

Points to Christ / Attribute of God: Jesus defends the weak; God is compassionate.

Reading 3: Genesis 47:23-26

Thought: Wise structure can preserve life and dignity. Faith plans responsibly.

Question: What wise structure do I need to put in place?

Points to Christ / Attribute of God: Jesus orders our steps; God is wise.

Reading 4: Genesis 47:27-31

Thought: Faith looks beyond the moment. Hope is anchored in God's promises.

Question: Where do I need a longer view than my current circumstance?

Points to Christ / Attribute of God: Jesus anchors hope beyond death; God is faithful.

Reading 5: 2 Corinthians 9:6-11

Thought: God supplies so we can be generous. Generosity declares trust.

Question: What is one concrete way I can be generous this week?

Points to Christ / Attribute of God: Jesus became poor for us; God is supplier.

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The Week of May 17-23, 2025

The Blessing (Genesis 48)

Use any five days this week. Keep one day for catch-up and one day to prepare for Sunday.

Reading 1: Genesis 48:1-7

Thought: Faith is intentionally handed down. Blessing is often cultivated, not accidental.

Question: Who am I intentionally investing in spiritually?

Points to Christ / Attribute of God: Jesus welcomes and blesses children; God is faithful.

Reading 2: Genesis 48:8-16

Thought: Jacob blesses with God's story: Shepherd, Redeemer, Provider. Blessing is anchored in truth.

Question: What truth about God do I need to speak over my family?

Points to Christ / Attribute of God: Jesus is our Redeemer; God is redeemer.

Reading 3: Genesis 48:17-22

Thought: God's ways often surprise us. His blessing doesn't follow human expectations.

Question: Where do I resist God because He's not doing it my way?

Points to Christ / Attribute of God: Jesus chooses the unlikely; God is free and wise.

Reading 4: Hebrews 11:21-22

Thought: Faith finishes well by looking forward to promises not yet fully seen.

Question: What promise am I holding onto for the future?

Points to Christ / Attribute of God: Jesus fulfills every promise; God is promise-keeper.

Reading 5: Ephesians 1:3-8

Thought: In Christ, we receive every spiritual blessing - chosen, adopted, redeemed.

Question: Which gospel blessing do I most forget to live from?

Points to Christ / Attribute of God: Every blessing is in Christ; God is gracious.

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The Week of May 24-30, 2025

Jacob's Final Words and Death (Genesis 49)

Use any five days this week. Keep one day for catch-up and one day to prepare for Sunday.

Reading 1: Genesis 49:1-12

Thought: The promise narrows toward a coming King. God is writing a messianic story.

Question: How does seeing Jesus in Genesis strengthen my trust?

Points to Christ / Attribute of God: Jesus is the Lion of Judah; God is faithful.

Reading 2: Genesis 49:13-21

Thought: God works through imperfect people and complex families. No one is beyond His reach.

Question: What part of my story do I assume disqualifies me?

Points to Christ / Attribute of God: Jesus redeems the imperfect; God is patient.

Reading 3: Genesis 49:22-28

Thought: Fruitfulness can grow under pressure when God is the source of strength.

Question: Where do I need faith for fruitfulness under pressure?

Points to Christ / Attribute of God: Jesus is fruitful in suffering; God is strength.

Reading 4: Genesis 49:29-33

Thought: Hope at the edge of loss comes from trusting God's promises beyond this life.

Question: What would it look like to face loss with hope?

Points to Christ / Attribute of God: Jesus conquered death; God is life.

Reading 5: Revelation 5:5-10

Thought: The Lion is also the Lamb. Worship is the right response to the bigger picture.

Question: How should worship reshape my week?

Points to Christ / Attribute of God: Jesus is the worthy Lamb; God is worthy.

The Story of Joseph: Seeing the Bigger Picture
Weekly Reading Plan

The Week of May 31 - June 6, 2025

Joseph's Final Assessment (Genesis 50)

Use any five days this week. Keep one day for catch-up and one day to prepare for Sunday.

Reading 1: Genesis 50:1-14

Thought: Grief is not unbelief. God meets us in tears and carries us through loss.

Question: Where do I need permission to grieve with God?

Points to Christ / Attribute of God: Jesus wept with the grieving; God is near.

Reading 2: Genesis 50:15-21

Thought: Providence doesn't excuse sin but redeems suffering. God can work His good through evil.

Question: What "evil" do I need to entrust to God's redeeming hand?

Points to Christ / Attribute of God: The cross turns evil into good; God is redeemer.

Reading 3: Genesis 50:22-26

Thought: Finishing well means clinging to God's promises and living faithfully to the end.

Question: What does "finishing well" look like for me right now?

Points to Christ / Attribute of God: Jesus finished His work faithfully; God is faithful.

Reading 4: Romans 12:9-21

Thought: Forgiveness is a gospel-shaped refusal to repay evil and a choice to overcome with good.

Question: Where am I tempted to repay, and how can I choose grace?

Points to Christ / Attribute of God: Jesus overcame evil with good; God is just.

Reading 5: Exodus 13:19 + Hebrews 11:22

Thought: God keeps promises across generations and His faithfulness outlasts our lifetimes.

Question: What promise of God do I need to remember and repeat?

Points to Christ / Attribute of God: Jesus leads a greater exodus; God is covenant-keeping.