

Genesis – “Joseph: Provider and Visionary”

Genesis 47

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GOD is FAITHFUL!!! Wow! What a great time of reunion and now settling in Egypt ~ a time of plenty during the severe famine. A season of relative isolation such that a nation of millions would arise from a foundation of 70! Amidst the ever expanding “family” the identity of Hebrew or Israelite developed that would forever be a brand that the surrounding many would repulse and a distant few would recognize as a special, peculiar people to be embraced as “His-story” unfolds . . .

Again (and again), how we choose to respond to life’s trials reveals:

1) _____ we are; and, 2) _____ we are!
(_____) (_____)

Context: Joseph, Pharaoh's #2 man, balances the demands upon his life: administration of all food distributions; personal family, extended family and all the needs. Yes, he delegates to servants and family members BUT he is no less intentional in his duties. A man of faith who has developed and embraced his Lord's unfolding plan as his stage for his administration . . . each person of faith, true faith, must adopt his personal life as His arena ~

Genesis 47:1-13

Vs.2-6

Vs.7-9

Vs.10-12

Vs.13-19 The course of the famine

Vs.20-26

Vs. 27-31

Is it me or are we seeing a shift in Jacob's faith-walk. Tho' his life has been “few and unpleasant” in years and circumstances, by the end of the chapter, Jacob believes and demonstrates the future provision of his LORD. It appears he has a new understanding of El Shaddai, El Elyon, than previously. Perhaps the “father of Pharaoh” has been a “father to Jacob” and God has enabled him to see his life circumstances in light of who God is! A lesson for all of us!

What life circumstances do you have that need the corrective lens God's purposes? You might want to consider Phil. 1:6; Jeremiah 29:11; Psalm 139:13-16; Psalm 73:25

What part of this passage “caught your attention”?

Is God saying something to you? What is it?

How will you respond?