

## **Bible Summary -Genesis 46-47**

Directed

Jacob is invited to come and live in Egypt. He is worried because he knows that his grandfather Abraham had problems in Egypt and his father Isaac was forbidden to go to Egypt. Jacob has to determine if this is God's will to bring about the Abrahamic promised line of Genesis 12:1-3. We often wonder what is God's will for our lives as well. Jacob walks out a wise path in determining God's will for the 70 people in his care. First, he has the desire to go to Egypt. The best news about God's will for us is that it will also be our deepest desire. Second, he has an open door to go. The Pharaoh has invited him as well as sent his chariots for transportation and set apart the land of Goshen for their flocks. God's will comes with God's provision. Third, he goes to Beersheba, the religious center for Abraham and Isaac, to inquire and hear from God. Fourth, he knows that while Egypt is awesome he is a sojourner and the goal is not Goshen but God. He, like his grandfather was ultimately looking for a city built and made by God.

Scriptures: Genesis 46-47; Psalm 37:4; 1 Thessalonians 5:14-18; Hebrews 11:10

## **Bible Questions and Application**

(These are here as an aid in facilitating conversation.

There is no obligation to run through every question listed.)

1. What are some new things you learned about God as you journeyed through this past year?
2. What does it mean to "love God and do whatever you want"? What does it mean to your freedom? (Psalm 37:4)
3. What are some doors that God might be opening in the new year for you? Rev. 3:8
4. What are the challenges of learning to trust that God's will for each of us individually might look different especially as it pertains to our loved ones?
5. What are some things we could be doing in our families and communities that build a legacy of faith?
6. When Israel meets Pharaoh, he mentioned he's a sojourner (pilgrim). It's good to put down roots but how do we make sure our tent stakes aren't too deep?