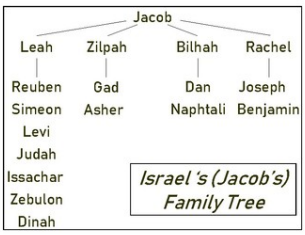
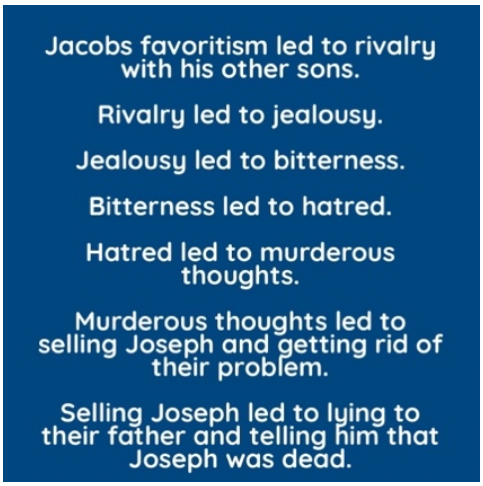
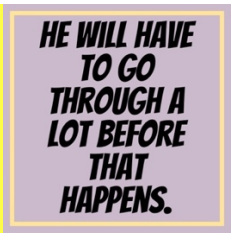
Genesis Lesson 60







Genesis 38
1 At that time,
Judah left his brothers and went down to stay with a man of Adullam named Hirah.

1 Corinthians 15:33
33 Do not be misled: "Bad company corrupts good character."

2 There Judah met the daughter of a Canaanite man named Shua. He married her and lay with her;
3 she became pregnant and gave birth to a son, who was named Er.
4 She conceived again and gave birth to a son and named him Onan.
5 She gave birth to still another son and named him Shelah. It was at Kezib that she gave birth to him.
6 Judah got a wife for Er, his firstborn, and her name was Tamar.
7 But Er, Judah's firstborn, was wicked in the LORD's sight; so the LORD put him to death.
8 Then Judah said to Onan, "Lie with your brother's wife and fulfill your duty to her as a brother-in-law to produce offspring for your brother."

Deuteronomy 25:5–6
5 If brothers are living together and one of them dies without a son, his widow must not marry outside the family. Her husband's brother shall take her and marry her and fulfill the duty of a brother-in-law to her.
6 The first son she bears shall carry on the name of the dead brother so that his name will not be blotted out from Israel.

9 But Onan knew that the offspring would not be his; so whenever he lay with his brother's wife, he spilled his

semen on the ground to keep from producing offspring for his brother.
10 What he did was wicked in the LORD's sight; so he put him to death also.
11 Judah then said to his daughter-in-law Tamar, "Live as a widow in your father's house until my son Shelah grows up." For he thought, "He may die too, just like his brothers."
12 After a long time Judah's wife, the daughter of Shua, died. When Judah had recovered from his grief, he went up to Timnah, to the men who were shearing his sheep, and his friend Hirah the Adullamite went with him.
13 When Tamar was told, "Your father-in-law is on his way to Timnah to shear his sheep,"
14 she took off her widow's clothes, covered herself with a veil to disguise herself, and then sat down at the entrance to Enaim, which is on the road to Timnah. For she saw that, though Shelah had now grown up, she had not been given to him as his wife.
15 When Judah saw her, he thought she was a prostitute, for she had covered her face.
16 Not realizing that she was his daughter-in-law, he went over to her by the roadside and said, "Come now, let me sleep with you." "And what will you give me to sleep with you?" she asked.
17 "I'll send you a young goat from my flock," he said. "Will you give me something as a pledge until you send it?" she asked.
18 He said, "What pledge should I give you?" "Your seal and its cord, and the staff in your hand," she answered. So he gave them to her and slept with her, and she became pregnant by him.
19 After she left, she took off her veil and put on her widow's clothes again.
20 Meanwhile Judah sent the young goat by his friend the Adullamite in order to get his pledge back from the woman, but he did not find her.

21 He asked the men who lived there, "Where is the shrine prostitute who was beside the road at Enaim?" "There hasn't been any shrine prostitute here," they said.
22 So he went back to Judah and said, "I didn't find her. Besides, the men who lived there said, 'There hasn't been any shrine prostitute here.' "
23 Then Judah said, "Let her keep what she has, or we will become a laughingstock. After all, I did send her this young goat, but you didn't find her."
24 About three months later Judah was told, "Your daughter-in-law Tamar is guilty of prostitution, and as a result she is now pregnant." Judah said, "Bring her out and have her burned to death!"

There was a rich man with many sheep and a poor man who had one little lamb who he loved and cared for who he shared his food with and who slept in this poor man's arms. But a traveler comes to the rich man and wants to eat dinner so the rich man takes the poor man's one and only sheep and slaughters it.

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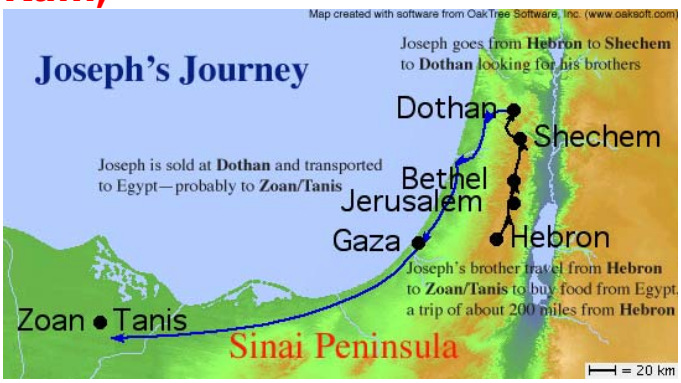
25 As she was being brought out, she sent a message to her father-in-law. "I am pregnant by the man who owns these," she said. And she added, "See if you recognize whose seal and cord and staff these are."
26 Judah recognized them and said, "She is more righteous than I, since I wouldn't give her to my son Shelah." And he did not sleep with her again.
27 When the time came for her to give birth, there were twin boys in her womb.
28 As she was giving birth, one of them put out his hand; so the midwife took a scarlet thread and tied it on his wrist and said, "This one came out first."
29 But when he drew back his hand, his brother came out, and she said, "So this is how you have broken out!" And he was named Perez.

30 Then his brother, who had the scarlet thread on his wrist, came out and he was given the name Zerah.

Matthew 1:1–3
1 A record of the genealogy of Jesus Christ the son of David, the son of Abraham:
2 Abraham was the father of Isaac, Isaac the father of Jacob, Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers,
3 Judah the father of Perez and Zerah, whose mother was Tamar, Perez the father of Hezron, Hezron the father of Ram,

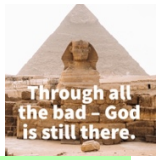


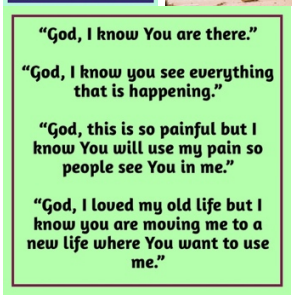
Genesis 39:
1 Now Joseph had been taken down to Egypt. Potiphar, an Egyptian who was one of Pharaoh's officials, the captain of the guard, bought him from the Ishmaelites who had taken him there.

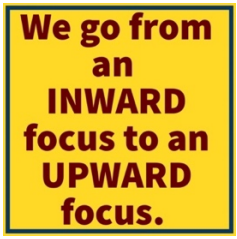
John 16:33
33 I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."

Romans 8:28
28 And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to *His* purpose.

Genesis 39:2 THE LORD WAS WITH JOSEPH, so he became a successful man. And he was in the house of his master, the Egyptian.







Isaiah 41:17 "The afflicted and needy are seeking water, but there is none, and their tongue is parched with thirst; I, the Lord, will answer them Myself, as the God of Israel I will not forsake them."

Psalm 94:14 "For the Lord will not abandon His people, nor will He forsake His inheritance".

1 Samuel 12:22 "For the Lord will not abandon His people on account of His great name, because the Lord has been pleased to make you a people for Himself."

Multiple hospital stays with my daughter were exhausting, but I held faith. Losing Brian's family members one by one until there was only one left, who was then diagnosed with stage 4 brain cancer, was incomprehensible, but I still held faith. Being hospitalized seven and a half weeks with a placental abruption was terrifying but I held faith.

I held to the faith that God works for my good, and though I did not necessarily understand the trials I trusted God's bigger, unseen plan. God and I had a deal – I would endure the trials that came my way as long as He acknowledged my stopping point. He knew where my line had been drawn, and I knew in my heart He would never cross it.

He did. I delivered a stillborn baby girl. With my daughter Rebecca still at home on a feeding tube and her future health completely unknown, it was a foregone conclusion that this baby we so wanted and loved would be saved.

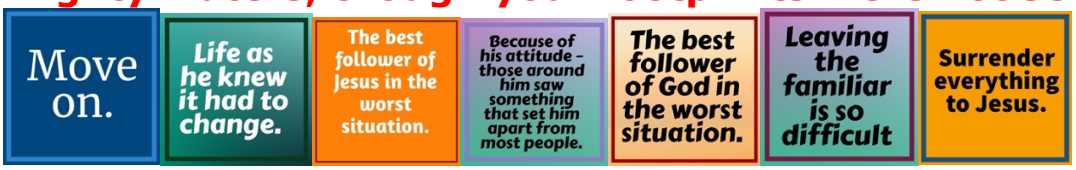
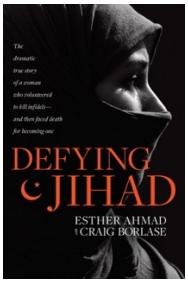
She wasn't. My line in the sand was crossed. My one-way deal with God shattered. Everything changed in that moment. Fear set in, and my faith began to crumble. My "safety zone" with God was no longer safe.

If this could happen in the midst of our greatest struggles, then anything was fair game. For the first time in my life, anxiety began to overwhelm me. I have spent weeks trying to figure out why a God I so love could let this happen to my family at such a time. The only conclusion I came to was this:

I have to offer my entire life, every minute portion of it, to God's control regardless of the outcome. My family is in God's hands. No lines have been drawn, no deals made. I have given our lives to the Lord. Peace has entered where panic once resided and calmness settled where anxiety once ruled.

Philippians 3:13
[13] Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of *it* yet; but one thing *I do:* forgetting what *lies* behind and reaching forward to what *lies* ahead,

Deuteronomy 29:5
5 During the forty years that I led you through the desert, your clothes did not wear out, nor did the sandals on your feet.

Psalm 23:4
4 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

Psalm 77:19
19 Your path led through the sea, your way through the mighty waters, though your footprints were not seen.