**GENESIS: Exploring The Foundations Of Our Faith – Genesis 45:16-46:34**

**When God’s Moving In My Family…**

**7/21/24**

**#1) …I Will Trust That God-Is-At-Work Behind The Scenes.**

***16****When the news reached Pharaoh’s palace that Joseph’s brothers had come,*

*Pharaoh and all his officials were pleased.****17****Pharaoh said to Joseph, “Tell your brothers, ‘Do this: Load your animals and return to the land of Canaan,* ***18****and*

 *bring your father and your families back to me. I will give you the best of the land of Egypt and you can enjoy the fat of the land.’* Genesis 45:16-18

***19****“You are also directed to tell them, ‘Do this: Take some carts from Egypt for your children and your wives, and get your father and come.****20Never mind about your belongings****, because the best of all Egypt will be yours.’”* Genesis 45:19-20

***24****Then he sent his brothers away, and as they were leaving he said to them, “****Don’t quarrel on the way****!”* Genesis 45:24

**#2) …I Will Forgive The Sins In My Family Committed Against Me.**

***25****So they went up out of Egypt and came to their father* ***Jacob in the land of Canaan****.****26****They told him, “Joseph is still alive! In fact, he is ruler of all Egypt.”*

*Jacob was stunned; he did not believe them.****27****But when they told him everything Joseph had said to them, and when he saw the carts Joseph had sent to carry him back, the spirit of their father Jacob revived.****28****And Israel said, “I’m convinced!*

*My son Joseph is still alive.* ***I will go and see him before I die****.”* Genesis 45:25-28

**#3) …I Will Call On The Name Of The Lord [Genesis 46]**

*So Israel (Jacob) set out with all that was his, and when he reached* ***Beersheba****, he offered sacrifices to the God of his father Isaac.* Genesis 46:1

**#4) …I Will Respond To God – Wherever He Leads.**

***2****And* ***God spoke to Israel****in a vision at night and said, “Jacob! Jacob!” “Here I am,” he replied.* ***3****“I am God, the God of your father,” he said. “****Do not be afraid to go down to Egypt****, for I will make you into* ***a great nation there****.****4I will go down to Egypt with you****, and* ***I will surely bring you back again****. And* ***Joseph’s own hand will close your eyes****.”* Genesis 46:2-4

***5****Then Jacob left Beersheba, and Israel’s sons took their father Jacob and their children and their wives in the carts that Pharaoh had sent to transport him.*

***6So Jacob and all his offspring went to Egypt****, taking with them their livestock and the possessions they had acquired in Canaan.****7****Jacob brought with him to Egypt his* ***sons*** *and* ***grandsons*** *and his* ***daughters*** *and* ***granddaughters****—all his offspring.* Genesis 46:5-7

**#5) …I Will Rejoice In Every Blessing.**

***28****Now Jacob sent Judah ahead of him to Joseph to get directions to* ***Goshen****.*

*When they arrived in the region of Goshen,****29****Joseph had his chariot made ready and went to Goshen to meet his father Israel. As soon as Joseph appeared before him, he* ***threw his arms around his fatherand wept****for a long time.* ***30****Israel said to Joseph, “Now I am ready to die, since I have seen for myself that you are still alive.”* Genesis 46:28-30

***31****Then Joseph said to his brothers and to his father’s household, “I will go up and speak to Pharaoh and will say to him, ‘My brothers and my father’s household, who were living in the land of Canaan, have come to me.****32****The men are shepherds; they tend livestock, and they have brought along their flocks and herds and everything they own.’* Genesis 46:31-32