

GENESIS

SERIES WRAP-UP

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I. TACTICS IN THE GARDEN (GENESIS 2:15-17; 3:1-21)

- A. Recognize that we have an enemy whose goal is to get us to sin (1 Pet. 5:8).
- B. Resist Satan with the "armor" God gives us (Ephesians 6:13-18; Jas 4:7).
- C. Restore your fellowship with God when you do sin (1 John 1:9).

II. CAIN & ABEL—WHAT MADE THE DIFFERENCE? (GENESIS 4:3-8)

- A. New Testament giving is based on generosity, not on percentages (1 Cor. 16:2).
- B. New Testament giving means setting aside a portion of your income in order to support the church (1 Corinthians 16:1-3).
- C. New Testament Christians are to excel at giving (2 Cor. 8:7).

III. THE FLOOD—WAS GOD TOO CRUEL? (GENESIS 6:5-8)

- A. No, because he is infinitely wiser than us (Isa 55:8-9).
- B. No, because he is perfectly righteous (Isa. 5:16).
- C. No, because he is always just (Deut. 32:4; 2 Thess. 1:5-6).
- D. No, because he is holy and morally perfect (Lev. 11:44; Psa. 99:9; Rev. 4:8).
- E. No, because he is pure love (John 3:16; 1 John 4:8-10, 16).
- F. No, because he always gives sinners plenty of time to repent (2 Pet. 3:9; Psa. 86:15).

IV. I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'RE SAYING! (NOAHIC COVENANT, GENESIS 8:21—9:17)

- A. It is unconditional (6:18; 9:9, 11).
- B. God will never again destroy all living creatures with a flood (8:21; 9:11).
- C. There will always be seasons (8:22).
- D. Man is to repopulate and fill the earth (9:1,7).
- E. Animals will now fear humans (9:2).
- F. Meat is added to man's diet as long as it does not contain lifeblood still in it (9:3-4).
- G. Murderers will forfeit their lives (9:6).
- H. It is an everlasting covenant (9:16).
- I. The sign of the covenant is a rainbow (9:13-16; see also Rev.4:1-3).

V. WHEN GOD DOESN'T GIVE YOU A ROADMAP (GENESIS 12:1-3)

- A. Seek the Redeemer, not the roadmap.
- B. Listen to the Holy Spirit.
- C. Find mature counsel.

VI. IS THIS TEST NECESSARY? (GENESIS 22:1-14)

- A. Recognize that God is in control of the timing and intensity.
- B. Realize that God has a specific purpose for each test.
- C. Understand that it is designed to meet a specific need that God sees in your life.
- D. Rejoice in that each trial is an opportunity for God to demonstrate his power in holding you up under tremendous pressure.
- E. Have faith that by His grace and enabling power of the Holy Spirit, you will not only survive, but will be able to turn distress into delight.

VII. JACOB & ESAU—FAMILY CONFLICTS (GENESIS 25:21-34; 27:41)

- A. Plan a time for discussion.
- B. Affirm the relationship.
- C. Define the problem and stick to the issue.
- D. Listen carefully.
- E. Propose a solution.

VIII. WRESTLING WITH GOD (GENESIS 32:24-30)

- A. Jacob learned that his manipulative, deceiving ways, were not the way to get God's blessings.
- B. God decided to bless Jacob, but first Jacob had to change.
- C. Jacob effectively won the struggle by surrendering to God.
- D. God may also wrestle with us when we become self-sufficient.
- E. God's blessings always come when we surrender our will to his!

IX. EGG TIMER FAITH (GENESIS 45:7-8; 50:20)

- A. Waiting can get me in step with God's timing.
- B. Waiting can bring me a sense of expectation and hope.
- C. Waiting can shift my focus from myself to God.
- D. Waiting can bring me renewal.
- E. Waiting can restore me.
- F. Waiting can bring relief before the situation is resolved.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Which of these lessons in Genesis stands out most to you? Why?
2. Do you see any actions you'd personally like to take as a result of this series in Genesis? If so, what are they?
3. Have any of these lessons given you greater insights about God? If so, what are they?