

GENESIS

The Book of Beginnings

The GOSPEL:

- **God the Creator** (Gen. 1-2)
- **Man the Sinner** (Gen. 3)
- **Jesus the Savior** (Gen. 3:15) “I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head and you will strike his heel.”
- **Our Response...Restoration or Separation**

Hebrews 11:7 By faith **Noah**, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family. By his faith he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness that is in keeping with faith.

Romans 4:18-25 Against all hope, **Abraham** in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, “So shall your offspring be.”¹⁹ Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead—since he was about a hundred years old—and that Sarah’s womb was also dead.²⁰ Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God,²¹ being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised.²² This is why “it was credited to him as righteousness.”²³ The words “it was credited to him” were written not for him alone,²⁴ but also for us, to whom God will credit righteousness—for ***us who believe*** in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead.²⁵ ***He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.***

How Will Our Stories Be Written?

Genesis 46-50

1. **OUR FAITH** (Gen. 46)

Gen 21:33 “Abraham planted a tamarisk tree in Beersheba, and there he called on the name of the LORD, the Eternal God.”

2. GOD'S GOODNESS and PLAN (Gen. 47-49)

Romans 8:28-29 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters

3. Our Faithful RESPONSE to God's Goodness and Plan

Ps 37:3-4

Trust in the LORD and **do good**; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture. ⁴ Take **delight** in the LORD, and **he will give you the desires of your heart.**

Discussion Questions

1. What are some main thoughts God has challenged you with during our study of Genesis? How are they changing the way you live?
2. Do you have faith to believe that God's plan will be accomplished through you? On what path or journey do you feel God is asking you to follow Him? What are you worried about as you step out with Him? In God's eternal plan, what would He say about your worry?
3. Do you believe that God's plan is good no matter what you are going through? During some of your most difficult times how was God working? With the eyes of eternity, how might He make it (or be making it) good?
4. What are some promises God has declared in His Word? Do you trust that what God has promised He will do? How are our actions showing this trust?