

“Famine to Fruitfulness”
Genesis 46:1–47:27
February 25, 2024

“Do Not Be Afraid”

Famine to Fruitfulness

“Egyptians could not eat with the Hebrews, for that is an abomination to the Egyptians.” (Genesis 43:32)

“God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors.” (Genesis 45:7)

“You shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, and your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. There I will provide for you, for there are yet five years of famine to come, so that you and your household, and all that you have, do not come to poverty.” (Genesis 45:9–10)

Fear to Faith

5 Truths:

1. God empowers us to live fearlessly by his word.
2. God providentially works through external circumstances.
3. God can have a different plan for each generation.
4. God often keeps his promises not overnight but over generations.
5. God positions his people to bless others.

“I am with you always, to the end of the age.” (Matthew 28:20)

“But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.” (2 Peter 3:8)

“I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing.” (Genesis 12:2)

“In you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” (Genesis 12:3)

Notes

Discuss

- What have been some hinge moments in your life that have caused you some level of fear before, during, or after? What is it about these decisive moments in our lives that can be so fear-inducing?
- In the sermon, there were at least five practical truths to believe to live by faith not fear, so did one of them provoke a response in you?
- What are examples of decisions or choices that God may intend for successive generations to make differently, and how can we go about discerning his will for us specifically?
- How can God use suffering to position us to bless others, and how should that impact how we see the difficult experiences in our lives?

Read

Genesis 12:10–20; 26:1–5; Psalm 37:1–40

Pray

- That the Holy Spirit will minister to your fears through the word of God.
- That the Holy Spirit will help you to better align your perspective on the future with God's.

Bulletin

- Women's Bible Study: Wednesdays at 10:00am
- Youth Ministry Gatherings: First and Third Wednesdays at 6:30pm
- Men's Breakfast: March 9 at 8:00am
- Members' Meeting: March 10 at 5:00pm