

Bible in a Year Study Questions – Day 24/January 24

Today's Readings:

Genesis 47 & 48

Psalm 13.1-6

Proverbs 4.18-19

Matthew 15.21-39

1. How did Joseph demonstrate wise stewardship during the famine in Egypt in Genesis 47? What principles can you apply to your own life?
2. How did Joseph honor his father when Jacob arrived in Egypt?
3. What did Jacob's appearance before Pharaoh and his blessing say about him?
4. How did Joseph submit to God's will and respect his father's blessing on his sons in Genesis 48?
5. What emotions and struggles does the psalmist express in Psalm 13.1? Have you ever felt that way?
6. What does the Psalmist mean in verse 4 when he says, "Lest my enemy say, 'I have prevailed against him.' Lest those who trouble me rejoice when I am moved"?

7. What do your responses to personal struggles say about your faith and trust in God to those who are watching?

8. How does the psalmist's decision to trust God and to praise Him in verses 5-6 impact his heart and mind? How could it do the same for you?

9. How does Proverbs 4.18-19 contrast the lives of the righteous and the wicked?

10. What did you learn from the story of the Canaanite woman in Matthew 15? How does her response reflect humility? How does it reflect persistence in prayer?

11. After his ministry to the people including the feeding of 4,000, Jesus pulled away from the crowd (v. 39). Of what does this and other times when Jesus went away by Himself to pray and spend time with His Father remind us?

12. What in today's readings speaks most to you? Is there a promise you need to remember? A command to obey? What steps of faith and obedience do you need to take?