



**Series:** Genesis

**Passage:** Genesis 46:30-47:28

**Title:** Joseph, God Builds a Man, Part 11

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**Discussion Starter** – Joseph is demonstrating his spiritual leadership amongst his family. He instructs them to speak the truth about what they did for a living, shepherds of livestock, even though this was an abomination, and thought of as unclean to the Egyptians. What might this type of spiritual leadership look like for us in our current culture today?

**Read Genesis 46:30-34**

- 1) What did Joseph know about Pharaoh that enabled him to instruct his family to tell him that they were shepherds? What was Joseph's main concern for his family?
- 2) Joseph's desire for his family is that they would be in Egypt but not of Egypt. Read 1 John 2:15-17. Why is our personal sanctification to God so vital to our spiritual health? What are some of the riptides of the world mentioned in this passage that you need to be careful to not get caught up in?
- 3) Joseph had a plan to keep his family separated from the influence of Egypt. As Christians, we have some instructions from the Bible on how we are to keep ourselves from being polluted by influence of the world. Read Romans 12:1-2 and Colossians 3:1-7. What insights do these verses give us on how we can be kept from the influences of the world and be personally sanctified to God?
  - a) What are some of the riptides of the world that you have to watch out for, so that you do not get caught up in them? What are some of the things that help you identify that you are being pulled away from God?

**Read Genesis 47:1-12; 27-28**

- 4) What do the five men who Joseph selected represent? How do they address Pharaoh?
- 5) Based on their occupation, what reason did they give Pharaoh for needing to come to Egypt and how long do you think they were planning on staying in Egypt?
- 6) Describe some of the key things you see in Pharaoh's response to the five men?
- 7) What do you see that is unusual about what Jacob does for Pharaoh in verse 7?
- 8) Why do you think Pharaoh asked Jacob how old he was?
- 9) Describe the three points Jacob reveals about his life to Pharaoh. Read Psalm 39:4-5 and James 4:13-17. How do these scriptures highlight the same truths that Jacob was revealing to Pharaoh about his own life?
  - b) God blessed Jacob abundantly throughout his life, but now he was faced with a famine. What have you learned about the importance of being grateful to Jesus even in the bad times of life?