

GOD WORKS THROUGH PROBLEMS

Family Devotion – Lesson 30

A REVIEW OF GENESIS

- Genesis — the beginning of something; the origin or coming into being
- Genesis lays down the foundation for why Jesus came to die. If it is not taken literally, the cross will not be taken literally.
- Genesis is the foundation of the Bible. If it is not considered to be accurate, the rest of the Bible will have nothing to rest on. This is why the Devil has attacked it in so many ways.
- The book of Genesis records the origin of heaven and earth, man, woman, marriage, sin, sacrifice, prophecy, human government, the nations, and so much more.
- The two major beginnings are the human race and the Hebrew people.
- Genesis teaches us that God's focus and interest is people! Although creation was magnificent, God spends far more words on the men and women He created. Notice in the creation account how much more God talks about Adam and Eve.
- God created everything perfectly on His own. This demonstrates that He is all-powerful and all-knowing. But throughout Genesis we see Him choosing man to take part in His work. Why would he do this if man is sinful?
 - 1) It allows man to have a working relationship with God.
 - 2) It allows God to show His grace, love, patience, mercy, and forgiveness when man messes up.
- Throughout the book of Genesis man creates problem after problem. Sin is the root cause of problems in the world. God works through these problems to demonstrate His redeeming attributes so man will learn to LOVE, TRUST, and OBEY Him.

QUESTIONS TO DISCUSS

- Why should we be more interested in people than places, plans, or possessions?
- What is the one thing the Bible does not give the origin of? (God Himself)
- Why do you think we should be patient with people when they make problems in our lives?
- How can remembering creation help us when we face problems in life? (It reminds us of God's power.)

PRAYER TIME

- Thank God for His beautiful creation.
- Thank God for allowing you to be apart of His plan (The Great Commission).
- Thank God for being patient with you.

CHALLENGE

- Write down on paper or say out loud all the names of people can you think of in the book of Genesis?