



Grace Assembly Of God

Chapter-By-Chapter Bible Reading Devotional

Scripture:	Genesis 46	Title:	Facing the Unknown
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Summary of Chapter:	In this chapter, Jacob leaves famine-stricken Canaan to seek refuge in Egypt, where Joseph is. Jacob was afraid but made the move in faith anyway. God lovingly reassures Jacob not to be afraid.		
Key Verses (NLT):	How does it speak to me?		
2 <i>During the night God spoke to him in a vision.</i> 3 <i>"I am God, the God of your father," the voice said. "Do not be afraid to go down to Egypt, for there I will make your family into a great nation.</i>	<p>Jacob did not expect to leave Canaan for Egypt, but as the Lord paved a way, he made the step into the future with great faith. Jacob packed ALL his possessions and took his ENTIRE family with him. They were not going to look back.</p> <p>I remember when I first entered the workforce as a fresh graduate. I was so nervous on the first day of my job. Now I had to face an unknown future as a working adult. In the first few months of my job, I encountered so many challenges in the new setting that I would often feel anxious and overwhelmed. But God brought me back to his Word and reminded me that He is with me. Looking back now, I can't even count the many blessings that God gave me in that season of my life. Sure, there were challenges, but there were also victories. All glory to God. Is the Lord leading you to step out in faith? Maybe you're facing a pivotal moment today over a career decision, or perhaps a decision concerning your family. Do not be afraid! Seek the Lord for His guidance and provision, just like Jacob did at Beersheba. As he sought the Lord, the Lord assured him of His presence and His promise. What God leads us to, He will bring us through. Let's carry faith over fear as we walk on with the Lord, even in the times He leads us out of familiar places, and into the unknown.</p>		
APPLICATION QUESTIONS:			
Adult:	Is there anything about the future that is unknown to you that makes you worry? Share from your heart to the Lord about the things that make you afraid and take time to listen for His response.		
Youth:	What is your first natural response when you step into an unfamiliar and challenging situation? Do you try to escape from those problems, or do you stop to seek God?		
Child:	Note: Parents to watch 'Alfred's Fear' youtube: https://bit.ly/36Wm5I5 prior to discussion with child. Share a time when you were asked to learn or try something new. How did that make you feel? What helped you feel better?		
PRAYER:			
Praying Scripture:	Father, we place our future in Your loving hands. When we are afraid, help us to strengthen ourselves in You. Help us to seek Your wisdom and guidance in all things. In Jesus' name, Amen.		
Thanksgiving Prayer:	I/We thank you for _____ (e.g. delicious food they ate, places they went, prayer that is answered, etc)		
Intercessory Prayer:	I/We want to pray for _____ (e.g. healing of sickness, family members, work or study, leaders, nation, etc)		
Salvation Prayer:	I/We pray for the salvation of my/our unsaved loved ones _____ (can add one name per day). In Jesus' Name I/we pray. Amen.		