

**JOY AND SORROW**

**Day 1: Review**

1. What about the commentary notes helped you understand lesson 9?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. How did the lecture from lesson 10 minister to you?

**Day 2: Read Genesis 33:1-11** [\[Open NIV\]](#) [\[Open NKJV\]](#)

3. FACTS:
  - A. How did Jacob organize his family to meet as they approached Esau (verses 1-2)?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - B. How did Jacob greet his brother Esau, and how did Esau react (verses 3-5)?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - C. Summarize Esau and Jacob's conversation about the gift, in verses 8-11.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. LESSONS: What do you learn about reconciliation from Jacob and Esau in verses 1-11?  
Jacob  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
Esau
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
5. APPLICATION: With whom should you make the effort to reconcile? How can today's lesson help you?

**Day 3: Read Genesis 33:12-20** [\[Open NIV\]](#) [\[Open NKJV\]](#)

6. FACTS: Summarize Esau and Jacob’s conversation recorded in verses 12-15.
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7. LESSONS: What is significant about Jacob calling Esau “my lord” (lower case “l”)?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
8. APPLICATION: To whom, other than God, should you exhibit greater respect? How will you show your respect? Give specific actions.

**Day 4: Read Genesis 34:1-12** [\[Open NIV\]](#) [\[Open NKJV\]](#)

9. FACTS:
  - A. What horrible crime did Shechem perpetrate on Jacob’s daughter Dinah (verses 1-2)?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - B. What did Shechem request of his father Hamor (verses 3-4)?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - C. What was Jacob’s initial reaction to this terrible news and why did he react this way (verse 5)?

D. How did Jacob's sons (Dinah's brothers) take the news of Dinah being sexually assaulted (verse 7)?

E. What was Shechem's father's appeal to Jacob and his sons (verses 8-12)?

10. LESSONS: How do Shechem's words and deeds exhibit the worst of mankind's fallen nature?

11. APPLICATION: What warning do you receive from today's text and how should you respond to it?

**Day 5: Read Genesis 34:13-23, Proverbs 16:2, 1 Samuel 16:7, Matthew 6:1**

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12. FACTS:

A. What did Dinah's brothers propose to Shechem and Hamor (verses 13-17)?

B. How did Shechem and Hamor convince the men of their town to get circumcised? What was their motivation (verses 18-23)?

13. LESSONS: What were the true motives of both families in this dispute?

Dinah's brothers' motive:

Shechem and Hamor's motive:

14. APPLICATION: Explain how the following cross references can help you overcome your struggle with wrong motives.

Proverbs 16:2

1 Samuel 16:7

Matthew 6:1

**Day 6: Read Genesis 34:24-31, Romans 12:17-21** [\[Open NIV\]](#) [\[Open NKJV\]](#)

15. FACTS:

- A. What did two of Jacob's sons, Simeon and Levi, do in response to the men of Shechem being circumcised (verses 24-29)?
- B. How did Jacob react to what his sons had done (verses 30)?
- C. Explain whether you believe Simeon and Levi regretted their own actions after their father Jacob's rebuke.

16. LESSONS:

- A. How did their actions dishonor the covenant sign of circumcision which God had given to Abraham?
- B. What does Romans 12:17-21 say about personal vengeance and God's vengeance?

17. APPLICATION: After reading the story in this week's lesson (chapters 33-34) and the cross references, how should you respond to the Lord concerning guarding your own heart?