

## Where have we been so far in the Narrative Bible Study?

This is a brief summary of the passages we have studied and a few of the important moments in between our conversations.

- ❖ These bullet points are the lessons we have studied together along the way.
  - These bullet points are some of the lessons to consider between the studies

### Genesis

- ❖ Creation (Genesis 1-2)
- ❖ Human pride (Genesis 3)
  - Noah, his family and the flood (Genesis 6-9)
  - Abraham/Sarah called (Genesis 12-14)
- ❖ God's promise to Abraham and Sarah (Genesis 15)
  - Ishmael (Genesis 16)
  - Isaac and Ishmael (Genesis 21)
  - Abraham and Isaac, the test (Genesis 22)
  - Isaac and Rebekah, Abraham's death (Genesis 24-25)
  - Esau and Jacob (Genesis 25-33 - Jacob wrestles in chapter 32, Esau forgives in chapter 33)
- ❖ Joseph and his dreams, forgives his brothers (Genesis 37-50)

### Exodus

- A pharaoh that no longer remembers Joseph, slavery (Exodus 1)
- Call of Moses (Exodus 2-4)
- Moses and Pharaoh, the first 9 plagues (Exodus 5-11)
- ❖ Passover (Exodus 12-13)
  - Crossing the Red Sea (Exodus 14)
  - Song of Moses (Exodus 15)
  - Wilderness challenges (Exodus 16-19)
  - 10 Commandments (Exodus 20)
  - Covenant, Ark and Getting organized – mountain top (Exodus 21-31)
- ❖ Golden Calf (Exodus 32)
  - Moses breaks the tablets, they are remade, Ark of the Covenant, Tabernacle (Exodus 33-40)
  - Leviticus – Priest's manual, laws, holiness code, clear division of themes in chapters 1-16 and then chapters 17-26
  - Numbers – lots of genealogy, but primarily the book of the wilderness, the 40 years of wandering because of the people's lack of faith. There are some

funny, some sad and some touching moments. Most famous is Aaron's blessing, "The Lord bless you and keep you..." (Numbers 6: 24-27)

- Deuteronomy – Moses' sermons, or Moses' record, with chapters 4-28 the center of the book, with the last chapter the touching moment when Moses goes up on Mt Nebo to see the promised land that he will not enter.
  - Joshua – the crossing of the Jordan and entry into the promised land. The book is tragic in its occupation of the land in chapters 6-12, and more nuanced in the settlement, or even moving in alongside folks, in chapters 13-24
  - Judges – a transitional, bloody book. The judges are more like warrior leaders, and we know a few of the famous judges: Deborah, Gideon and Samson, from our Sunday School days, perhaps. They are charismatic leaders, until they are not...
  - Ruth – a moment to breathe, with faithfulness, love, family, loyalty and relationships the center of the story. Ruth's words are God's words, "Do not press me to leave you or to turn back from following you! Where you go, I will go.... Where you die, I will die..." Ruth and Boaz have a son, Obed, and he is the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of David.
- ❖ Hannah and Samuel in 1 Samuel 1-2
- Samuel and Eli, the call of Samuel, more with the Ark, Israel demands a King, King Saul, Samuel's farewell, Saul's unraveling, David and Goliath Saul's fear of David, death of Samuel, Death of Saul
  - 2 Samuel – King David, Nathan the prophet
- ❖ For October 21: 2 Samuel 7 – David and Nathan's oracle