

AUGUST 2023

It's disappointing but not too surprising that the Egyptians eventually forget the good that Joseph, the immigrant, did for their country and make his numerous descendants their slaves. A tale as old as time. But the conflict between *brothers* in our Genesis readings for this month is scandalous. I mean, the good guys among Joseph's brothers are those that want to throw him into a cistern and later sell him into slavery. The rest want to kill him. (Reuben insists he was going to get Joe out later...but doesn't stand up for him.) I think we have all been shocked at the tension and conflict we experience at times in our teams. We have special bonds with our teammates. On paper we are co-workers, but our lives are enmeshed like family. And there are some crazy cousins among us. May God increase our compassion and care for our teammates toward Esau and Joseph's capacity to forgive and bless the siblings that had wounded them."

PRAYER FOR AUGUST:

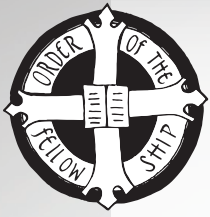
"Lord, make me an instrument of your peace: where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy." — *St. Francis of Assisi*

PRAYER PRACTICE:

Pray for a teammate, their family and their ministry for 15 minutes each day.

FASTING PRACTICE:

Give grace, the benefit of the doubt and forgiveness to your teammates like they're candy at Christmas!



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WEEK 1

AUG 1-5

TUESDAY

- Psalm 65:8-13
- Genesis 30:37-43
- Eph. 6:10-18

WEDNESDAY

- Psalm 65:8-13
- Genesis 46:2-47:12
- Mark 4:30-34

THURSDAY

- Psalm 17:1-7, 15
- Isaiah 14:1-2
- Philp. 4:10-15

FRIDAY

- Psalm 17:1-7, 15
- Isaiah 41:8-10
- Romans 9:6-13

SATURDAY

- Psalm 17:1-7, 15
- Genesis 31:1-21
- Matthew 7:7-11

WEEK 2

AUG 6-12

SUNDAY

- Genesis 32:22-31
- Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21
- Romans 9:1-5
- Matthew 14:13-21

MONDAY

- Psalm 17:1-7, 15
- Genesis 31:22-42
- Romans 1:8-15

TUESDAY

- Psalm 17:1-7, 15
- Genesis 32:3-21
- Acts 2:37-47

WEDNESDAY

- Psalm 17:1-7, 15
- Isaiah 43:1-7
- Matthew 15:32-39

THURSDAY

- Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b
- Genesis 35:22b-29
- Acts 17:10-15

FRIDAY

- Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b
- Genesis 36: 1-8
- Acts 18: 24-28

SATURDAY

- Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b
- Genesis 27:5-11
- Matthew 16:1-4

WEEK 3

AUG 13-19

SUNDAY

- Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28
- Psalm 85:8-13
- Romans 10:5-15
- Matthew 14:22-33

MONDAY

- Psalm 28
- Genesis 37:29-36
- 2 Peter 2:4-10

TUESDAY

- Psalm 28
- Genesis 39:1-23
- Romans 9:14-29

WEDNESDAY

- Psalm 28
- Genesis 40:1-23
- Matthew 8:23-27

THURSDAY

- Psalm 133
- Genesis 41:14-36
- Revelation 15:1-4

FRIDAY

- Psalm 133
- Genesis 41:37-57
- Acts 14:19-28

SATURDAY

- Psalm 133
- Genesis 42:1-28
- Matthew 14:34-36

WEEK 4

AUG 20-26

SUNDAY

- Genesis 45:1-15
- Psalm 133
- Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
- Matthew 15:21-28

MONDAY

- Psalm 130
- Genesis 43:1-34
- Acts 15:1-21

TUESDAY

- Psalm 130
- Genesis 44:1-34
- Romans 11:13-29

WEDNESDAY

- Psalm 130
- Genesis 45:16-28
- Matthew 8:1-13

THURSDAY

- Psalm 124
- Genesis 49:1-33
- 1 Cor. 6:1-11

FRIDAY

- Psalm 124
- Genesis 49:29-50:14
- 2 Cor. 10:12-28

SATURDAY

- Psalm 124
- Genesis 50:15-26
- Matthew 16:5-12

WEEK 5

AUG 27-31

SUNDAY

- Exodus 1:8-2:10
- Psalm 138
- Romans 12:1-8
- Matthew 16:13-20

MONDAY

- Psalm 8
- Exodus 1:1-7
- Romans 2:1-11

TUESDAY

- Psalm 8
- Exodus 2:11-15a
- Romans 11:33-36

WEDNESDAY

- Psalm 8
- Exodus 2:15b-22
- Matthew 26:6-13

THURSDAY

- Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b
- Exodus 2:23-24
- Eph. 5:1-6