

This Is Us: Genesis in Context

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Grow Through the Bible:
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The book of Genesis tells our origin story. Our focus in this series is the origin of creation and sin, God's promises, conflict between persons, wrestling with God, and how despite our humanity God's intentions prevail. Genesis is us.

Week of October 1	<i>This Is Our Backstory</i> <i>We begin, in the beginning. Our origin story begins with the creation of the heavens and the earth, creating humans in God's image, and humans choosing self as opposed to God's will. We are made in God's image, to be in relationship with God. The next part of our origin story is the role sin played in the beginning and in our own lives today. What are the ways that we choose to be God rather than live as God intended us? This is our backstory.</i>				
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
○ Genesis 1-2	○ Genesis 3-4	○ Genesis 5-6	○ Genesis 7-8	○ Genesis 9-10	○ Psalm 33

Week of October 8	<i>This Is Our Promise</i> <i>Our origin story includes the promises God makes with Abraham. Covenant is key to our origin story, God's covenant with his people. This covenant is a promise that God has been faithful since our beginning. At times we seem so far removed from God's covenant with Abraham, yet God's promises remain today for us. This is our promise.</i>					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
○ Genesis 11-12	○ Genesis 13-14	○ Genesis 15-16	○ Genesis 17-18	○ Genesis 19-20	○ Psalm 105	
Week of October 15	<i>This Is Our Problem</i> <i>Genesis reads as a classic drama with conflict, deceit, resentment, and much more. Often this conflict takes place within family relationships. Conflict between humans was not God's original intent, yet our humanity finds itself in what feels like perpetual conflict with others. We see this play out multiple times in our origin story and in our lives today. Brothers Esau and Jacob illustrate this dynamic in Genesis 25 and 27. Our conflicts result in lost time, lost relationships, and generations affected by our focus on self. This is our problem.</i>					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
○ Genesis 21-22	○ Genesis 23-24	○ Genesis 25-26	○ Genesis 27-28	○ Genesis 29-30	○ Psalm 120	

Week of October 22	<i>This Is Our Hope</i> <i>There are times in our lives when we seem to be wrestling with God. Our conflict is not necessarily with others but with God. The wrestling is exhausting and often results in an eventual moment of realizing that we have come face to face with God. Jacob illustrates this in Genesis 32, wrestling with and acknowledging the depths of coming face to face with God. Our hope is in our God. This is our hope.</i>					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
○ Genesis 31-32	○ Genesis 33-34	○ Genesis 35-36	○ Genesis 37-38	○ Genesis 39-40	○ Psalm 77	

Week of October 29	This Is Our Redemption				
	Genesis ends with the story of Joseph. As with the other stories in Genesis, there is goodness and conflict. In the end, Joseph chooses to forgive the harm intended and done by his brothers. Joseph illustrates redemption as he forgives his brothers. Thus, our origin story introduces God's redemption, ultimately completed in the work of Jesus Christ. God has intended redemption since the beginning, rooted in God's amazing grace and unconditional love. This is our redemption.				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
○ Genesis 41-42	○ Genesis 43-44	○ Genesis 45-46	○ Genesis 47-48	○ Genesis 49-50	○ Psalm 32



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