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Pray for faith and blessings for future generations:

In the Bible, there are many passages that emphasize the importance of God's care and concern for future generations. One of these passages is from Exodus 20:6 "But those who love me and keep my commandments, I will show mercy to a thousand generations." This passage shows that God treats those who love him and keep his commandments, His love and blessings will continue for thousands of generations.

Another passage is from Psalms (Psalms) 105th verse 8: "He remembers his covenant forever, and the word he commanded for a thousand generations." This passage emphasizes God's remembrance of His covenants and promises, and the continuation of his word through a thousand generations.

These verses remind us that God not only watches over and blesses our offspring, but also passes on His covenants and promises to them. God's love, grace, and truth are passed down from generation to generation, and he continues to preserve and bless those who faithfully follow his ways.

However, we also need to understand that this does not mean that future generations automatically inherit faith and blessings. Each individual has a personal decision and responsibility to receive God's grace and pass it on. Therefore, as believers and parents, it is our responsibility to pass on the correct values and beliefs to our children and grandchildren, and to be their role models and mentors by example.

Dear heavenly father,

In the journey of our life, we have experienced many sufferings and difficulties. I believe these experiences are part of what you allow in order to realize your plans. Although these sufferings cause us pain and heartache, we believe that you are a loving and wise God whose plans are beyond our comprehension.

When we attend funerals, we often see strife and conflict within the family. This makes us realize that a complete family is not only the existence of relatives, but also a relationship of love, tolerance and mutual respect. May your grace and Holy Spirit come upon these families so that they can live in harmony and support and support each other.

Even when our loved ones are about to leave us, we trust you to care for their offspring. May your love and blessings continue to flow in their lives so that they may feel your strength and comfort in every challenge and difficulty. Please guide them on the path of righteousness and truth, and face the days ahead with faith.

We understand that as future generations we have a responsibility to continue to believe in you and to pass on your promises. This is an important responsibility, reminding us of the value of continuity and inheritance for future generations. May you give us the wisdom and strength to pass on the right values and beliefs to our children and grandchildren. Help us be a mentor in their lives and lead them by a positive example.

May your name be glorified, and may your kingdom be established on earth. Please fill our families, communities and world with peace, joy and justice. Thank you for hearing our prayers

I pray in the name of Jesus, Amen.

## Genesis Chapter 50

Summary:

Genesis Chapter 50 is the final chapter of the Book of Genesis and concludes the story of Joseph and his family. Here's a summary of Genesis Chapter 50:

Chapter 50 begins with the death of Jacob, and Joseph, deeply grieving, weeps over his father's body. Joseph instructs the physicians to embalm Jacob's body, following Egyptian customs, and the embalming process takes forty days.

Afterward, Joseph seeks Pharaoh's permission to take his father's body back to Canaan for burial, as Jacob had requested. Pharaoh grants Joseph's request and provides him with a company of officials and chariots for the journey.

Joseph, accompanied by his brothers and a large company of Egyptians, travels to the land of Canaan to bury Jacob. They stop at Atad, where they hold a seven-day mourning period and observe a solemn funeral procession.

Upon reaching the cave of Machpelah in the field of Ephron, Joseph and his brothers bury Jacob there, fulfilling his last wishes. The Canaanite inhabitants of the land witness the burial and name the place "Abel Mizraim," meaning "Mourning of the Egyptians."

After the burial, Joseph's brothers become fearful, thinking that Joseph might now take revenge on them for their past actions. They send a message to Joseph, claiming that Jacob had requested their forgiveness. They plead with Joseph to spare their lives.

Joseph reassures his brothers, comforting them and assuring them that he holds no grudges. He recognizes that what they had done to him was part of God's plan to preserve their family during the famine.

Joseph reaffirms his love for his brothers and promises to care for them and their families. He reminds them that God will eventually bring them out of Egypt and return them to the land promised to their ancestors.

Joseph and his brothers continue to live in Egypt, along with their families. Joseph lives to see his great-grandchildren, and before his death, he reminds his brothers once again that God will fulfill His promise to bring them out of Egypt and into the land of Canaan.

Joseph dies at the age of 110, and his body is embalmed and placed in a coffin in Egypt.

Genesis Chapter 50 concludes the story of Joseph and his family, highlighting the fulfillment of Jacob's burial wishes and Joseph's forgiveness and reconciliation with his brothers. It emphasizes God's providence and faithfulness throughout their lives and sets the stage for the future events of the Israelites' journey out of Egypt.

After the death of their father Jacob (also known as Israel), Joseph's brothers fear that Joseph will seek revenge on them for their past mistreatment. They approach Joseph and request forgiveness for their actions, emphasizing that it was their father's dying wish for Joseph to forgive them. Joseph reassures them and tells them not to be afraid, explaining that what they intended for evil, God intended for good.

Joseph and his brothers, along with the rest of their family, return to the land of Canaan to bury their father. They conduct a mourning period for Jacob, observing a solemn funeral procession. This procession includes the Egyptians and Canaanites who witnessed their deep grief.

Once the burial is complete, Joseph's brothers become concerned that Joseph may still hold a grudge against them. They send a message to Joseph, expressing their father's dying wish for Joseph to forgive them. Joseph weeps upon receiving the message, and he reassures them once again, speaking kindly and comforting them. He acknowledges that even though they had intended harm against him, God had used those circumstances to bring about good, preserving many lives during a time of famine.

Joseph's entire family, including his brothers, returns to Egypt after the funeral. They settle in the land of Goshen, and Joseph continues to provide for them and care for their needs. He lives a long life and witnesses several generations of his descendants.

Here are some important verses from Genesis Chapter 50:

Genesis 50:20: "As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today."

This verse highlights Joseph's perspective on the actions of his brothers, emphasizing that God used their evil intentions for a greater purpose.

Genesis 50:24: "And Joseph said to his brothers, 'I am about to die, but God will visit you and bring you up out of this land to the land that he swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.'"

Joseph expresses his faith in God's promise to bring the Israelites out of Egypt and into the land of Canaan, the land promised to their ancestors.

Genesis 50:25: "Then Joseph made the sons of Israel swear, saying, 'God will surely visit you, and you shall carry up my bones from here.'"

Joseph instructs his brothers and the Israelites to carry his bones with them when they eventually leave Egypt and enter the Promised Land. This sets the stage for the Exodus narrative, which occurs in the subsequent books of the Bible.

Chapter 50 concludes the Book of Genesis, setting the stage for the story of Exodus and the journey of the Israelites as they become a nation.

Notes:

In the book of Genesis, there are several difficult questions that remain unanswered and have generated much debate and speculation among scholars and theologians throughout history. Here are a few examples:

1. What was the nature of the forbidden fruit in the Garden of Eden? The Bible does not provide specific details on what the fruit was, only that it was forbidden by God. Many interpretations have been suggested, including the idea that the fruit was a symbol of sexual desire or knowledge.
2. What was the identity of the mysterious "sons of God" mentioned in Genesis 6:2? Some scholars believe that these "sons of God" were fallen angels who took human wives, while others suggest that they were powerful rulers or divine beings.
3. How long were the "days" of creation in Genesis 1? The meaning of the word "day" in this context is unclear, and some interpret it to mean a literal 24-hour day, while others see it as a metaphorical or symbolic representation of an unspecified period of time.
4. Why did God choose to favor Abel's offering over Cain's in Genesis 4? The text does not provide a clear explanation for God's decision, leaving room for interpretation and speculation.
5. What was the mark that God placed on Cain in Genesis 4:15? The nature of this mark is not specified in the text, and scholars have offered various explanations, including a physical mark, a symbolic sign of protection, or a curse.

These are just a few examples of the difficult questions that arise from the book of Genesis. However, it's important to remember that the Bible is open to interpretation and that different people may have different answers to these questions.