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**REVIEW – Abraham -Bible timeline**  
 God calls Abraham out of polytheistic culture  
 Abraham elderly, wife is barren  
 God promises Abraham descendants  
Abraham believes God’s promise – his faith is reckoned to him as righteousness.  
 God’s test of Abe’s faith sacrifice of Isaac averted by God – “resurrection faith” –  
 Jacob wrestles with God – renamed “Israel”

**Abraham 4**  
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- TODAY’S LESSON –**
- READ Casket Empty pp 54-56- *Joseph’s story*
  - READ - Genesis 35:22b – Genesis 50

**Observe:** before interpreting/applying, take time to simply make observations, like a child exclaiming with wonder, or a detective pointing out clues, or a scientist listing data, or a lover appreciating their beloved. What do you observe? Always observe: Who, What, Where, When. Notice repeated things, what are key words, what prompts a question in your mind?

**What are Joseph’s ... shortcomings**

Positive qualities

**Timeline of Joseph’s life:**

Life Event	Birth order & family system	Colorful coat - sold into slavery	Judah & Tamar	Potiphar, wife, prison	Dreams interpret govt grain plan	Joseph & brothers	Forgive redeem	Israel prospers Egyptian slaves
Genesis	35:22b-26	37	38	39	40 & 41	42, 43, 44	45, 46	47
Summary								

**Interpret:** compare, contrast, connect, context, outline, headline, underline, dig

Trace **Judah’s** part in the story: through HIS line the Messiah will come (see Matt 1:3) be a great movie!  
35:23                      37:26-27                      38                      44:18-34 (especially 33)

If Joseph is NOT in the Messiah line, then why is Joseph’s story included? – and such a big long story! (14 chapters out of 50 in Genesis = 28% of Genesis!)

Write a headline summary for Joseph’s Life story: “ \_\_\_\_\_ ”

**Apply:** Truth to be glad of, error to avoid, example to follow, mystery to ponder