# **Modern Family**

"Building a Legacy in a Modern Family": Genesis 25-45 June 15-16, 2013: Cam Huxford, Senior Pastor

Each of us are creating a family legacy right now.

Two generations from now people will be blessed by ancient truth that you learned from your parents a generation ago...maybe.

Because you are a father or mother or a brother or sister...you may one day be an uncle or aunt...who will have an influence on the generations to come.

## I. Joseph's Character. Genesis 37ff

When Joseph was 17 years old, he discovered that his ten older brothers all hated him.

Here's why: Joseph's parents showed <u>partiality</u> toward the younger children.

Joseph decided to live his life as if God were with him, even when it seemed like God had abandoned him.

Joseph doesn't <u>blame</u> his good God for his brother's evil actions that were driven by his foolish parent's dysfunction.

By God's grace, Joseph becomes the Prime Minister of Egypt.

In the critical moment, Joseph recalls a memory from his childhood – a spiritual legacy from a distant relative.

# II. Uncle Esau's Legacy. Genesis 25ff

#### Esau Created a Spiritual Legacy for His Family When:

- Instead of hate...Esau gave hugs.
- Instead of cursing...Esau showed compassion.
- Instead of resenting his family...Esau <u>restored</u> his family.

## III. Esau's Influence on Joseph's Life. Genesis 45ff

Joseph chooses to do for his brothers what he saw his Uncle Esau do for his family.

What your children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews <u>see you do</u> will lay the groundwork for what they will do in moments of crisis.

By God's grace, what influence will I pass from my life into the next generation?

## **Five for the Drive**

A family conversation starter for the ride home

- 1. Who is your favorite Bible character and why?
- 2. Can you think of any negative habits that have been passed down in your family?
- 3. Can you think of someone who has stopped a negative habit in your family?
- 4. Name a member of your family or friend who has influenced you in a positive way. How?
- 5. Name the person you are trying to be a good influence on. How?

# **Ministry Opportunities**

For more information about these and other events, go to SavannahChristian.com/Events.

**Journey Serve Day** 

8 a.m. - 3 p.m. Saturday, June 29

Grass field next to The Link (building across the lake)

The Journey is our largest outreach event. We expect thousands to come this December to experience life the night Christmas began. Join us as we construct all-new sets for this production. Come, bring a friend, and bring your tools and equipment. Be part of clearing and construction work or helping repair and organize costumes. Lunch will be provided.

## Job Jump Start

8 a.m. - 1 p.m. Saturday, June 29

## **Adult Ministry Center across the street**

Our economy is still recovering, and many people are looking for work or seeking a change in their career. Learn how to keep God in your job search, how to identify your gifts and write your resume, how to use social media, and how to be your best in a job interview. Register at SavannahChristian.com or at the Connection Kiosks.

#### **Kidstreet Chooses Compassion – Uniform Drive**

This year our entire church is focused on Choosing Compassion, showing the love of Christ to others. Our nursery and preschool ministry is Choosing Compassion by collecting gently used school uniforms for families in need. You can drop them off in the kidstreet area on the first floor.

# WOW – Women Only Wednesdays 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 19

## **Adult Ministry Center across the street**

Special guest Kay McGee will share her personal testimony on what being a daughter of God is all about. Join us for a fun activity and reminder on authentic beauty. We will also hear an update on our Compassion Project and how we can partner to end human trafficking. Snacks will be provided.