

*Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil, for You are with me. —Psalm 23:4*

**R**achel-Ruth and I have written what we believe is a compelling and timely new book entitled *God Won't Leave You There: Joseph's Story*. It will be released in March, so after months of writing and editing, we are excited to finally share it with you. Although we collaborated on it, Rachel-Ruth has written the majority of the content in the first person. The following is from the introduction to the first chapter of the book...

“One of my favorite classes in high school was a business management class because the teacher made it so interesting and interactive. At the beginning of the semester, she assigned each of us our own pretend business. Every day at the beginning of class, we’d open the designated filing cabinet and locate our name on a folder that held a large yellow envelope. We were then instructed to open the envelope and remove its contents, which explained what was currently happening in our fake business. Each of us took care of whatever matters arose in our business according to the information in the envelope.

Some days I found that my business had run out of paper or light bulbs, or that maintenance was needed on the copy machine. Then I calculated how much it would cost to address the matter and whether my budget allowed it. Each day the teacher walked us through whatever our pretend business encountered. It was the perfect way to give us a hands-on learning experience.

I will never forget the shock I experienced one particular day. My business had been running well, and I was in the black with my budget. Feeling pretty good about myself and my entrepreneurial skills, I opened my envelope and read this sentence: ‘Fire has burned your business to the ground!’ In total shock

I stood and shouted to the class that my business had burned! I was horrified that all my perfect planning and careful plotting had gone up in a burst of fake flames! The class cracked up, as did I after my initial shock. My sweet teacher began the process of teaching me what to do when a crisis like this hits your business. Each day after, she helped my fake business get back on its feet.

If only I could remember all that she taught me! But the overarching lesson that has stuck out to me all these years is: That’s life! We don’t know what will

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*On Joel Rosenberg's Alaska cruise Anne had the privilege of meeting Henri Aoun. He is a Lebanese who for many decades oversaw CRU's ministry from Morocco to Afghanistan. No one knows the Arab world, from an evangelical perspective, better than Henri. He made the time to drop by the office for a visit this past fall and committed to publish some of Anne's books in Arabic, offering them at book fairs all across the Middle East.*

be in our ‘yellow envelope’ each day when we wake in the morning. Some days it might be the normal everyday ho-hum, but there will be days when we get slammed with bad news or circumstances that shake us to the core. As shocking and awful as it may be, God’s Spirit is the gentle Teacher<sup>1</sup> who is not caught off guard by our situations. He walks with us step-by-step, has a plan in place to teach us and make us better, and He will never leave us nor forsake us on our journey.<sup>2</sup>

No one knows what 2026 will bring. But as it unfolds, you and I may be shocked to find that our “yellow envelope” holds unwanted and unwelcome events. So join us in staying focused on the One who is with us even in the darkest valleys. I can almost hear Joseph’s voice echoing down the millennia encouraging us from his own experience... “God will bring you through!”

Blessings,




*Rachel-Ruth’s message at The Cove this fall was on Noah. Matthew 24:37 says, “as in the days of Noah so it will be at the coming of the Son of man”. So what did that look like in Noah’s day? Genesis 6-8 gives us a clear picture of what he faced and how he lived for God in a wicked world. We need to be a Noah!*

Adapted from *God Won’t Leave You There: Joseph’s Story* 2026

<sup>1</sup> John 14:26

<sup>2</sup> Hebrews 13:5

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Each episode offers practical tools for studying Scripture, growing in prayer, and finding God’s presence in every circumstance. Whether you’re new to faith or ready to go deeper, FOUNDATIONS will help you strengthen your relationship with God from the ground up.

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# Bible Study: Our Relationship with the Shepherd

## I. THE RELATIONSHIP IS BENEFICIAL

### Psalm 23:1-3

- \*Use the dictionary to define “shepherd.” Does your relationship with the Lord match that definition?
- \*From verses 1-3, name at least five benefits to having the Lord as your Shepherd.
- \*Match each benefit with one or more of the following verses: Matthew 6:28-33; Matthew 11:29-20; Mark 6:31; Isaiah 32:17-18; Zephaniah 3:17; Job 33:26; Psalm 19:7; Psalm 35:9; Isaiah 48:17; John 10:3; Psalm 25:9; Psalm 107:28-31
- \*Give the phrase that indicates why these benefits are critically important.
- \*Which benefit is most meaningful to you?

## II. THE RELATIONSHIP IS PERSONAL

### Psalm 23:4-5

- \*What difference is there between the pronouns in verses 1-3 and verses 4-6?
- \*What do you think caused the change? What could it mean?
- \*Have you ever found yourself in a valley? What was it? Describe the difference it made in your relationship with the Lord.

## Intercession

### PRAISE

- \*For God's direction in the writing of the workbook to accompany the video Bible study on Joseph.
- \*For a great response to our Christmas *Buy One, Give One* offer resulting in many people getting into God's Word.
- \*For the multiple opportunities God gave Anne and Rachel-Ruth this Fall to give the truth of His Word through messages, podcasts, and interviews.

### PRAYER

- \*For the completion of our new website; for a successful launch in the New Year.
- \*For the completion of our new podcast studio; for a strong launch of our new podcast series, *Bible Conversations*, also in the New Year.
- \*For God's perfect timing for both.
- \*For the release of Anne and Rachel-Ruth's new book, *God Won't Leave You There: Joseph's Story*, to have broad, enthusiastic response.
- \*For Spirit-inspired, creative editing of the new video Bible study curriculum on Joseph with wide distribution this Spring.

\*When in a valley of disease, death, divorce, depression, etc., are you tempted to think you are not on the right path? What was the Psalmist's experience?

- \*When Jesus was led into the wilderness, give the phrase from Matthew 4:1 that indicates He was on the right path.
- \*What is the secret to peace in the valley? See Isaiah 43:2; Exodus 33:14; John 14:27; John 16:33
- \*When facing opposition, hostility, or persecution, which of the following promises will you claim? Psalm 3:5-6; Psalm 91:7; 2 Kings 6:16; 1 John 4:4; Psalm 27:1-3, 5-6

## III. THE RELATIONSHIP IS ETERNAL

### Psalm 23:6

- \*How lasting is our relationship with the Shepherd? John 10:27-28; 17:2-3
- \*How does Jesus describe the “house of the Lord” in John 14:1-3?
- \*What did the apostle Paul say about it in 1 Corinthians 2:9?
- \*List some of the aspects of Heaven in Revelation 21:1-5; 22-27; Revelation 22:3-5
- \*What aspect of Heaven do you look forward to the most?
- \*According to Psalm 23:6, how long will we live in Heaven with our Shepherd?

*As we enter into 2026 with the “yellow envelopes” it may hold, make sure you have established a beneficial, personal, eternal relationship with the Shepherd. Then don’t worry or be afraid. He will be with you and see you through.*



*Anne had a rich conversation with Michael Emerson as he led her in reflections on her father. The interview will be released on Newmax in the coming year. Our prayer is that it will honor her earthly father and glorify her heavenly Father.*



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Could it be that God has an ultimate purpose for our trials and hardships? Could it be that we, like Joseph, are in the process of becoming a reflection of Jesus? *God Won't Leave You There* is an inspiring and moving guide for anyone navigating life's deepest struggles. Drawing profound lessons from the biblical story of Joseph, Anne and Rachel-Ruth weave together Scripture, personal testimonies of hardship, and the unwavering hope found in God's promises.

If you find yourself on a path of suffering that is made even more painful because you feel you've done nothing wrong and struggle with injustice, look in the shadows. Jesus is right there; He is with you as He grips your hand to lead you forward. No matter how desperate you find yourself in this broken world, you can rest in the God who is trustworthy, knowing He won't leave you there! He will bring you through!

**Book releases March 31, 2026 and the Video-Bible study will be available April 14, 2026.**

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