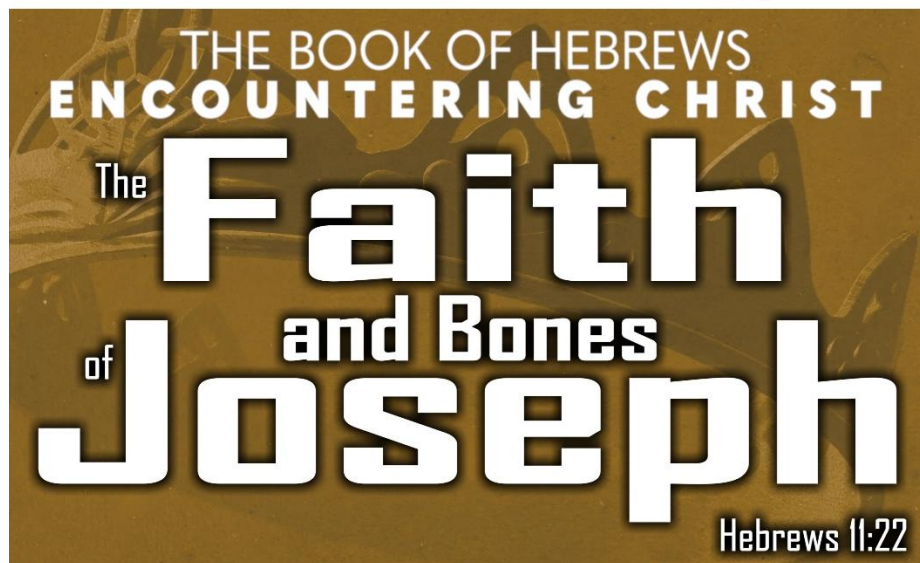




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IN SOME PLACES, GOD'S WORD IS UNDERLINED WITH DOTS WITH PASTOR JOE'S COMMENTARY IN THE BRACKETED, LIGHTER FACED TEXT.

A. Let's Meet Joseph

1. There are 16 “Josephs” in the Bible.
2. Joseph—son of Jacob—is the most famous one in Genesis.
3. His story consumes one-fourth of the book of Genesis.
4. Joseph is a major player as the Jews spent 430 years in Egypt.
5. God had predicted the 430 years before Joseph was born.
6. In Egypt, Joseph saved Egypt from a famine, became second-in-command, and provided land for Israel.
7. Israel needed Egypt to become a nation.
8. Why 430 years?
9. Eventually, Israel was set free from Egypt, and the Feast of Passover was established.
10. In the Passover, God's judgment passed over His people because of the blood of a substitute.
11. Jacob's faith anchored the Nation of Israel.
12. The bones of Joseph became evidence of his faith.

B. Study Section (Joseph's Faith)

STUDY SECTION - Hebrews 11:22, NASB95 - ²² By faith [that's the *expectant dependency on God alone*] **Joseph** [Abraham's great-grandson; Isaac's grandson; and Jacob's son, circa early 1800s BC, first mentioned in Gen. 30:24 and Heb. 11 (and John 4:5, Acts 7:9, 13, 14, 18, and many other places in the OT)], **when he was dying** [he lived 110 years (Gen. 50:26)], **made mention of the exodus of the sons of Israel** [in Gen. 50:24, Joseph said, “God will surely visit you and bring you up out of this land...” The Heb. “visit” is one of the richest words in the OT; it means “divine intervention”], **and gave orders concerning his bones** [Gen 50:25, “Then Joseph made the sons of Israel swear, saying, “God will surely take care of you, and you shall carry my bones up from here.” Joseph's bones were a physical sermon, a multi-generational reminder, a prophetic symbol, a cemental remembrance and picture of Joseph's great faith in divine intervention].

Hebrews 11:22, TCEV - ²² And it was by faith—that expectant reliance upon God alone—that Joseph, as he neared the end of his life, confidently spoke of God who would divinely intervene and bring the people of Israel out of Egypt and out of slavery; and he (Joseph) was so sure of it that he made them promise to carry his bones with them when they left! He wanted his own bones to be a witness of the faith he had about God's divine intervention in the future.

C. Application (Joseph's Bones)

His coffin preached for 400 years that we are not staying here; God is going to divinely intervene and come for us.

- Dr. Harry Ironside

1. **Live so that your life points others to God's future, not your present circumstances.**
2. **Leave behind something that points others to God's promises, not your present problems.**
3. **Refuse to settle in places God never intended to be permanent.**
4. **Don't let temporary circumstances define your identity or your destiny.**
5. **Your greatest legacy is not what you accumulate, but to that which you anchor your family and friends.**
6. **Let your faith speak long after you die.**