

What Comes Next? **Genesis 46:28-34**

Introduction

There are moments in life that we spend years waiting for. For months, sometimes years, we anticipate the moment. We imagine what it will be like when it finally arrives. Then the day comes. The journey is over. The answer arrives. The reunion happens. The prayer is answered. But what often surprises us is that life does not stop at the moment. There is still another conversation to have. Another decision to make. Another season to navigate.

1. The _____

Genesis 46:28

"Now he sent Judah before him to Joseph, to point out the way before him to Goshen..."
God guided His people exactly where they needed to be.

- God uses transformed people.
- God works ahead of His people.
- God's providence is often understood looking backward.

What appeared to be detours were actually directions. What appeared to be delays were actually preparations.

2. The M _____

Genesis 46:29-30

"Joseph prepared his chariot and went up to Goshen to meet his father Israel..."
One of the most emotional reunions in all of Genesis reminds us:

- Strength and tenderness are not opposites.
- God often accomplishes more than we can see.
- God's faithfulness is often revealed over time.

What Jacob once interpreted as tragedy, God had been using for preservation.

Key Passages

- Genesis 45:5
- Genesis 45:7
- Genesis 50:20
- Romans 8:28

Even when we cannot trace the hand of God, we can trust the heart of God.

3. The M _____

Genesis 46:31-34

"When Pharaoh calls you and says, 'What is your occupation?'..."
Joseph immediately begins preparing his family for what comes next.

- Wise leaders prepare people for future opportunities.
- God's people must not compromise their identity.

The location changed. The mission did not.

What appeared to be rejection became protection.

What appeared to be a disadvantage became God's means of preservation.