

The Pathway to Preservation

Scripture: Genesis 47:1-12

Introduction

In life, placement matters. A seed planted in the wrong soil struggles to grow. A soldier positioned in the wrong place is vulnerable to attack. A family living in the wrong location can find themselves exposed to dangers they never anticipated. Often the difference between thriving and surviving comes down to where someone has been placed.

Three Steps Along the Pathway to Preservation

1. The I _____

Genesis 47:1-4

- Joseph presents his family before Pharaoh.
- The brothers honestly identify themselves as shepherds.
- God's people should never be ashamed of who they are.
- Integrity honors the Lord.

Key Scriptures:

Genesis 12:11-13

Proverbs 12:22

2. The C _____

Genesis 47:5-10

- Pharaoh extends favor because of Joseph.
- Jacob blesses Pharaoh.
- Jacob views life as a pilgrimage.
- God's favor is often experienced through another.

Key Scriptures:

Hebrews 7:7

Romans 8:29

3. The P _____

Genesis 47:11-12

- Joseph settles his family in the best of the land.
- Joseph provides for every need.
- Joseph's preservation points us to Christ.
- Our security rests in God's preserving grace.

Key Scriptures:

John 10:27-29

1 Peter 1:3-5

Jude 24