

LIFework

Week of October 18, 2020

Genesis Chapters 46ff

There is so much great material in Chapters 46-50 that I encourage you to read those four together as a single chunk to really appreciate the back and forth, give and take, that is taking place here, but for the sake of time, I will focus on chapter 50, so please start your gathering with prayer, inviting God to open your ears, minds, and hearts and then expect God to communicate with you as you read the chapter.

Discuss

- As you listened to the sermon and read the chapter, what verse or thought stuck out for you?
- The first 14 verses describe the elaborate process and procession to bury Joseph's father. What do you think was the purpose of this extensive event?
- Read verse 15 and then with this in mind, go back and read verses 7-8, 12, 14 and discuss these family dynamics. Have you experienced anything similar that has challenged you to question commitments and motivations?
- Describe Joseph's legacy through the various lenses of Jacob, Reuben, Pharaoh, and then Moses. And now through the eyes of Stephen as you read Acts 7:9-14. And now through the eyes of the author of Hebrews in 11:22.
- Who are some, if any, "heroes of the faith" in your life and share why they are such.
- Do you ever slow down and consider the type of legacy that you are leaving? If leaving a positive legacy was your motivation would that be a quality life goal? Why or Why not?
- Pastor John MacArthur shared a comparison between the lives of Joseph and the life of Jesus. I have added to it just a bit, but this gives a glimpse as to why Joseph can be seen as a "type" of Jesus the Messiah.

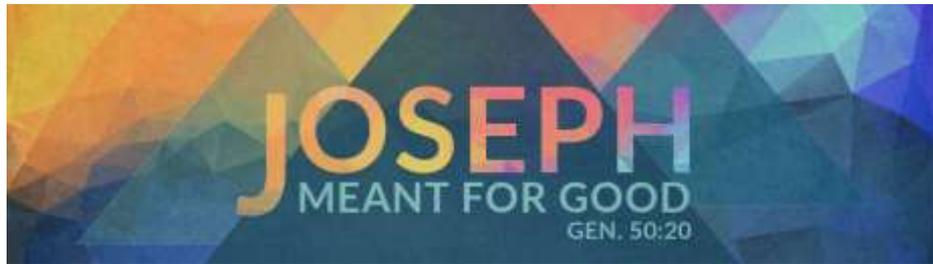
Taken from Canaan to Egypt and back again

A shepherd of his father's sheep
 His father loved him dearly
 Hated by his brothers
 Sent by father to brothers
 Others plotted to harm them
 Robes taken from them
 Sold for the price of a slave
 Exiled in preparation for his mission
 Tempted
 Falsely accused

Bound in chains

Placed with two other prisoners,
 one who was saved and the other lost
 Exalted after suffering
 Both 30 years old
 at the beginning of public recognition
 Both wept
 Openly forgave those who wronged them
 Used by Yahweh to save their nation
 What men did to hurt them and eliminate them,
 God used ultimately for good

As you pray with and for one another, ask God to intentionally bring to mind the short term and long term impact, legacy, you are making on those around you and give you the faith and courage to never give up on improving it.



EPILOGUE – Genesis 46ff
October 18, 2020 – Pastor D. R. Hilken

The END of BEGINNINGS - Joseph & Jacob

JACOB'S STORY

- ▶ Joseph alive
- ▶ EGYPT: to go or not to go
- ▶ God's promises to Jacob
- ▶ The list of 66
- ▶ Jacob blesses Pharaoh
- ▶ DEATHBED blessings
 - Man emphasizes birth order – God breaks it
- ▶ An old dog can still learn
- ▶ Death at 147 (950 ~ 205 ~ 185 ~ 175)
- ▶ Buried in CANAAN (past & future Promised Land)

JOSEPH'S STORY

- ▶ Jacob alive – after 22 years

FAITH shines brightest
when the plan is not revealed

- ▶ Joseph presents himself to Jacob
- ▶ Cares for his father for last 17 years
- ▶ Joseph a “type” of Jesus the Messiah
- ▶ The brothers a “type” of US

Genesis 50:21-22
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