

Be Faithful

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***Faithfulness is rooted
in BELIEF not BEHAVIOR.***

Genesis 50:14-18

¹⁴ After burying Jacob, Joseph returned to Egypt with his brothers and all who had accompanied him to his father's burial.

¹⁵ *But now that their father was dead*, Joseph's brothers became fearful. "Now Joseph will show his anger and will pay us back for all the wrong we did to him," they said.

*The FINAL test of a man's character
is his FAITHFULNESS.*

Q: When are you tempted to quit on your character?

¹⁶ So they sent this message to Joseph: "Before your father died, he instructed us ¹⁷ to say to you: 'Please forgive your brothers for the great wrong they did to you - for their sin in treating you so cruelly.' So we, the servants of the God of your father, beg you to forgive our sin." When Joseph received this message, he broke down and wept. ¹⁸ Then his brothers came and threw themselves down before Joseph. "Look, we are your slaves!"

I Believe that . . .

1. God is in CONTROL.

Genesis 50:19-20

¹⁹ But Joseph replied, "Don't be afraid of me. Am I God that I can punish you? ²⁰ (Good News Translation) You plotted evil against me, but *God turned it into good*, in order to preserve the lives of many people who are alive today because of what happened."

*Anger says you OWE me,
Forgiveness says you DON'T.*

Q: Are you waiting for someone to pay you back?

Q: Can you trust God to take care of them and you?

2. Blessing is **FROM** God and **FOR** others.

Genesis 50:21-23

²¹ “No, don’t be afraid. I will continue to take care of you and your children.” So he reassured them by speaking kindly to them.

²² So Joseph and his brothers and their families continued to live in Egypt. Joseph lived to the age of 110. ²³ He lived to see three generations of descendants of his son *Ephraim*, and he lived to see the birth of the children of *Manasseh’s* son Makir, whom he claimed as his own.

Manasseh = “God has made me forget all my troubles.”

Ephraim = “God has made me fruitful in this land of my grief.”

*God will never give TO you
what he can’t give THROUGH you.*

Q: Who’s waiting for your blessing?

3. God will **DO** what he **SAYS**.

Genesis 50:24

²⁴ “Soon I will die,” Joseph told his brothers, “but **God will** surely come to help you and lead you out of this land of Egypt. He will bring you back to the land he solemnly promised to give to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.”

*Faith is DOING what you can
and LEAVING the rest to God.*

Q: Are you trusting God, yourself, or someone else?

4. God is telling a BIGGER story.

Genesis 50:25-26

²⁵ Then Joseph made the sons of Israel swear an oath, and he said, “*When God comes to help you and to lead you back, you must take my bones with you.*” ²⁶ So Joseph died at the age of 110. The Egyptians embalmed him, and his body was placed in a coffin in Egypt.

Never forget where you’re GOING.

Exodus 1:6-7

⁶ In time, Joseph and all his brothers died, ending that entire generation. ⁷ But their descendants, the Israelites, had many children and grandchildren. In fact, they multiplied so greatly that they became extremely powerful and filled the land.

*YOUR dreams die with you,
but GOD dreams live forever.*

God, I’m believing YOU. You are the one who will protect me and care for me. You are the one who will empower me and use me. You are the one who will help me out, lift me up, and bring me back to the land of blessing. **My blessing is FROM YOU and FOR OTHERS,** and today I choose to bless everyone I can, everywhere I go.

*This world is not my home and this is not the end of my story. I am believing God for today, tomorrow, and the rest of my days.
In the name of Jesus we pray - Amen!*