Pastor J. Derek Futrell - Sunday, November 15, 2026
Parkway Baptist Church



Series: Genesis: The Foundations for the Coming of Christ
Title: The Redeemed Man Blesses
Scripture: Genesis 48:1-22
November Memory Verse: *"As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today."*
Genesis 50:20 (ESV)

Jacob the heel-grasper has become the blessing-giver.
Big idea: Live the sent life in light of the promises of God (Heb. 11:21; Gen. 47:27-31)

1. A redeemed man testifies to God's faithfulness. (Gen. 48:1-4)
   a. God revealed Himself to me. (v. 3)
   b. God blessed me. (v. 3)
   c. God made me fruitful and multiplied me. (v. 4)
   d. God made a community of peoples. (v. 4)
   e. God will bring about all that He promised. (v. 4)
      i. *New people* living out a *new purpose* in a *new place*.

2. A redeemed man embraces others into God's family, even through sorrow. (vs. 5-7)
   a. Sorrow is a reminder of the faithfulness of God to His covenantal promise.

3. A redeemed man calls and blesses the next generation. (vs. 8-16)
   a. He calls his sons close.
   b. He gives his sons love.
   c. He praises God for what he has seen.
   d. He blesses them praying for them to walk by faith with God and others.
   e. He tells them the Lord is the One True Personal Shepherd.

How to walk by faith?
- Walk together with God and others.
- Have the Lord as my Shepherd.
- Believe on the Lord Jesus.
- Grow in grace and faith.



4. A redeemed man blesses according to God's grace over natural right. (vs. 17-20)

5. A redeemed man assures others of God's presence and promises. (vs. 21-22)
   a. Rest in the presence of God.
   b. Rely on the promises of God.

"Speak the Blessing" challenge: Before Thanksgiving, write a blessing to one person in the next generation: a child, grandchild, niece or nephew, or a younger believer you could "adopt" the way Jacob adopted Ephraim and Manasseh. Follow Jacob's three movements:

1. **My Bethel:** where God met me and saved me. (v. 3)
2. **My Shepherd:** how God has led me, including through sorrow. (vs. 7, 15–16)
3. **God's promise for you:** one promise from God's Word you're trusting God to keep in their life. (v. 21)