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Parkway Baptist Church



Series: Genesis: The Foundations for the Coming of Christ
Title: Waiting for What God Meant
Scripture: Genesis 49:28-33; 50:1-26; Hebrews 11:39-40; Gen. 49:18
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**

Big idea: Genesis closes as it began, laying the foundation for the coming of Christ. It leads to the next movement and seeds the climax of God's Grand Story of Redemption. Genesis ends with death in a foreign land looking forward to the resurrection and return to the promised land of God.

1. In life and death, God equips believers to look to what is unseen and eternal, not to what is seen and temporary. (2 Cor. 4:16-18)
   a. Jacob blesses & commands according to what is eternal. (Gen. 49:28-33)
   b. Jacob's hope is not in the land, his hope is in God and His Word. (Gen. 28:13-15; 35:12)

2. When we are faithful to confess our story of redemption in Christ, God is powerful to draw all men to Himself. (Gen. 50:1-3)
   a. All of Egypt had heard the story of this family's sin and God's redemption. (Gen. 45:2, 5-8)
   b. All of Egypt had seen and experienced God's providential hand to preserve life and Pharaoh's honoring Jacob and Joseph. (Gen. 45:16-20; Gen. 50:4-10)
   c. The Gentiles in Canaan heard of the God of Jacob's fame and everything He did in Egypt. (Gen. 50:11; Joshua 9:9; Gen. 50:12-14)

3. Forgiveness is rooted in the redeeming work of Christ, not in people. (Eph. 4:32; Eph. 1:7)
   a. We will act according to whom forgiveness is rooted. (Gen. 50:15-17)
   b. Joseph acts like Christ because his forgiveness is rooted in God. (Gen. 50:18-21)
   c. Unforgiveness reveals we are putting ourselves in the place of God. (Gen. 50:19)
      i. Am I in the place of God?



4. Until Jesus returns we will live and die in faith, actively awaiting the fulfillment of the promise unseen. (Gen. 50:22-26; Heb. 11:39-40)
   a. God did visit His people and bring them into the promised land. (Heb. 11:22; Exod. 13:19)
   b. God did visit and brought us all into His promise in Jesus' first coming! (Matt. 1:23; Luke 1:31-33)
   c. God will visit again and take us into the new heaven and the new earth. (John 14:3; Rev. 21:1-5; 22:17, 20-21)

Now what? (Gen. 49:18) *I wait for your salvation, O Lord.*

1) Fix your eyes on what's unseen.
2) Tell your story of redemption.
3) Step out of the place of God.
4) Wait actively, not passively.

What has Genesis begun in YOU?