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*Faith & Blessing*  
**Genesis 48:1-22**  
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I. The Living Faith of Jacob (v1-11)

A. Call for Joseph.

Hebrews 11:21 (ESV) By faith Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, bowing in worship over the head of his staff.

B. God's covenant promise recalled.

Habakkuk 3:17-19 (ESV) Though the fig tree should not blossom, nor fruit be on the vines, the produce of the olive fail and the fields yield no food, the flock be cut off from the fold and there be no herd in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the Lord; I will take joy in the God of my salvation. 19 God, the Lord, is my strength; he makes my feet like the deer's; he makes me tread on my high places. To the choirmaster: with stringed instruments.

Hebrews 13:5 & 6 (ESV) Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." 6 So we can confidently say, "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?"

Job 1:21 (ESV) And he said, "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked shall I return. The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord."

1 Thessalonians 5:18 (ESV) give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

C. The formal adoption of Joseph's sons.

1 Chronicles 5:1 & 2 (ESV) The sons of Reuben the firstborn of Israel (for he was the firstborn, but because he defiled his father's couch, his birthright was given to the sons of Joseph the son

of Israel, so that he could not be enrolled as the oldest son; 2 though Judah became strong among his brothers and a chief came from him, yet the birthright belonged to Joseph),

D. Consolation for sorrow.

Genesis 49:33 (ESV) When Jacob finished commanding his sons, he drew up his feet into the bed and breathed his last and was gathered to his people.

Genesis 25:8 (ESV) Abraham breathed his last and died in a good old age, an old man and full of years, and was gathered to his people.

Luke 16:22 (ESV) The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried,

2 Corinthians 5:6-8 (ESV) So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, 7 for we walk by faith, not by sight. 8 Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord.

Psalms 17:15 (ESV) As for me, I shall behold your face in righteousness; when I awake, I shall be satisfied with your likeness.

Revelation 5:11 & 12 (ESV) Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, 12 saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!"

II. A Faithful Blessing (v12-20)

A. The blessing.

Proverbs 20:7 (ESV) The righteous who walks in his integrity— blessed are his children after him!

Proverbs 28:20 (ESV) A faithful man will abound with blessings, but whoever hastens to be rich will not go unpunished.

Psalms 112:1 & 2 (ESV) Praise the Lord! Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who greatly delights in his commandments! 2 His offspring will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.

#### B. The confusion.

Romans 8:28 (ESV) And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

Psalms 76:10 (ESV) Surely the wrath of man shall praise you; the remnant of wrath you will put on like a belt.

#### C. Sovereign grace rules.

Romans 9:11 (ESV) though they were not yet born and had done nothing either good or bad—in order that God's purpose of election might continue, not because of works but because of him who calls—

1 Corinthians 1:26–31 (ESV) For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. 27 But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; 28 God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, 29 so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. 30 And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, 31 so that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

#### D. Hope for all.

Luke 14:27 (ESV) Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

Luke 14:33 (ESV) So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.

Galatians 6:2–5 (ESV) Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. 3 For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. 4 But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor. 5 For each will have to bear his own load.

Luke 18:28–30 (ESV) And Peter said, "See, we have left our homes and followed you." 29 And he said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or wife or brothers or parents or children, for the sake of the kingdom of God, 30 who will not receive many times more in this time, and in the age to come eternal life."

### III. An Assurance of Faith (v21 & 22)

#### A. God will be with you.

Genesis 28:15 (ESV) Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land. For I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you."

Genesis 31:3 (ESV) Then the Lord said to Jacob, "Return to the land of your fathers and to your kindred, and I will be with you."

Genesis 35:3 (ESV) Then let us arise and go up to Bethel, so that I may make there an altar to the God who answers me in the day of my distress and has been with me wherever I have gone."

Matthew 1:23 (ESV) "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel" (which means, God with us).

2 Corinthians 13:14 (ESV) The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Philippians 4:9 (ESV) What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

Philippians 4:6 & 7 (ESV) do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

#### B. A token of assurance of faith.

Genesis 33:19 (ESV) And from the sons of Hamor, Shechem's father, he bought for a hundred pieces of money the piece of land on which he had pitched his tent.

Genesis 50:25 & 26 (ESV) Then Joseph made the sons of Israel swear, saying, "God will surely visit you, and you shall carry up my bones from here."

26 So Joseph died, being 110 years old. They embalmed him, and he was put in a coffin in Egypt.

Joshua 24:32 (ESV) As for the bones of Joseph, which the people of Israel brought up from Egypt, they buried them at Shechem, in the piece of land that Jacob bought from the sons of Hamor the father of Shechem for a hundred pieces of money. It became an inheritance of the descendants of Joseph.