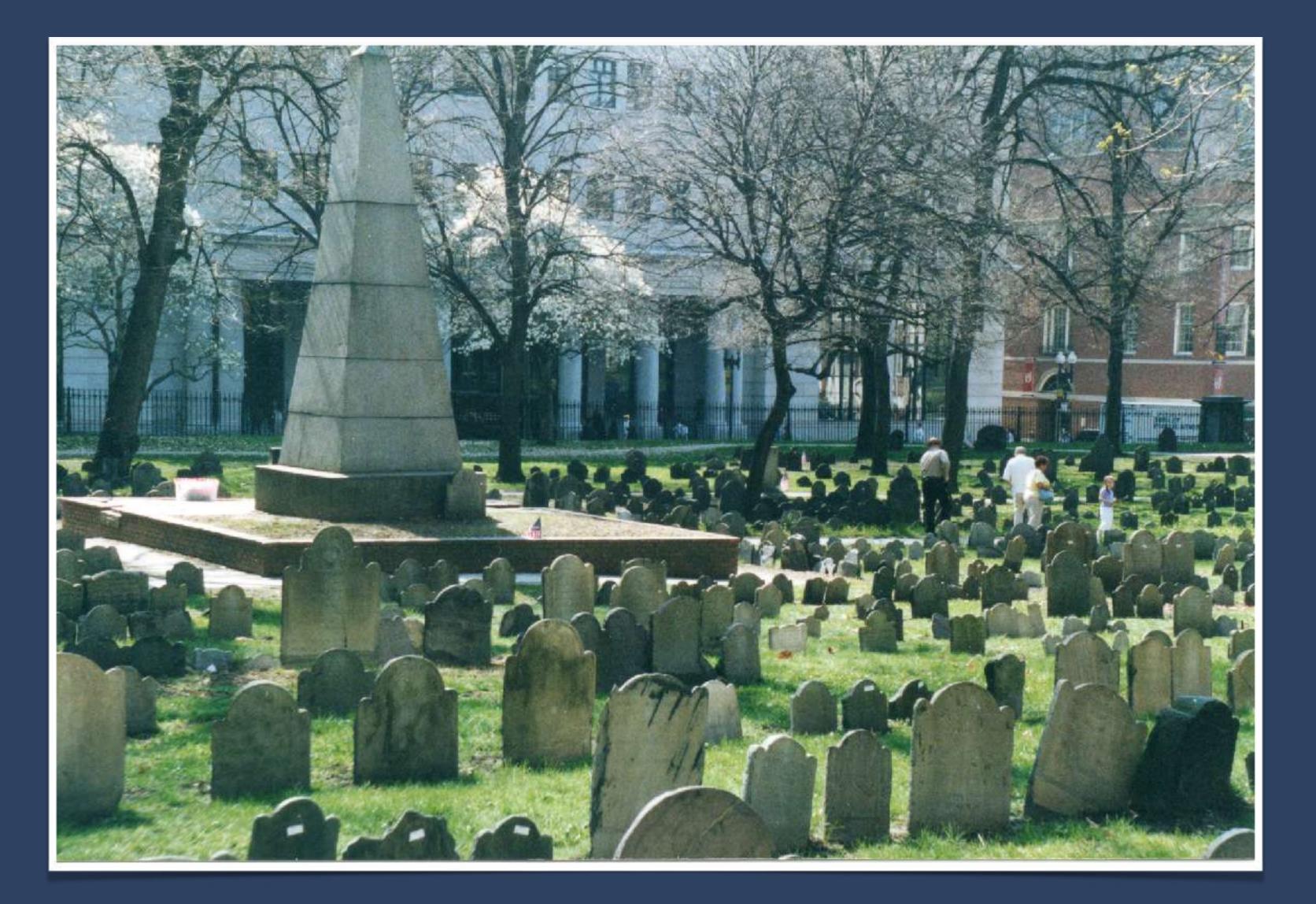


# JOSEPH FROM THE PIT TO THE PINNACLE





#### Granary Burying Ground in Boston, MA



#### Grave Marker of Dwight L. Moody



#### Grave Marker of Astronaut Christ McAuliffe



When viewed from the graveyard many things in life have little value. When viewed from the graveyard many things in life have greater value.





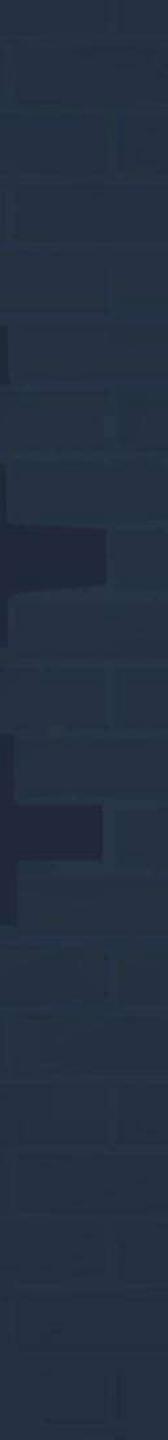
"And Jacob said unto Pharaoh, The Days of my pilgrimage are an hundred and thirty years: few and evil the days of the years of my life have been, and have not attained unto the days of the years of the life of my fathers in the days of their pilgrimage."

Genesis 47:9



# #1 FROM DEATH'S PERSPECTIVE WE SHOULD LOOK BACK ON OUR PAST

#### A. Jacob remembered a personal encounter with God



"And I will establish a covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee."

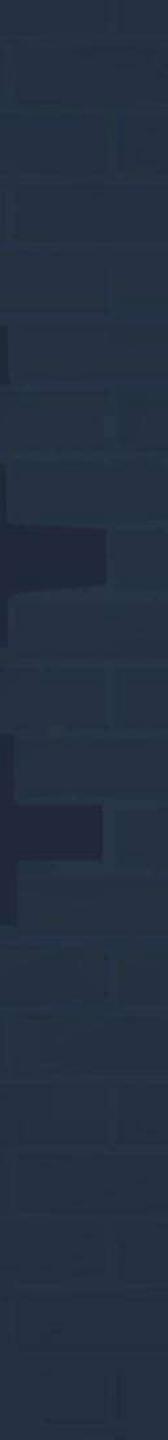


Genesis 17:7

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# B. Jacob remembered a special person in his life

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### Jacob's Terrible Family Tree

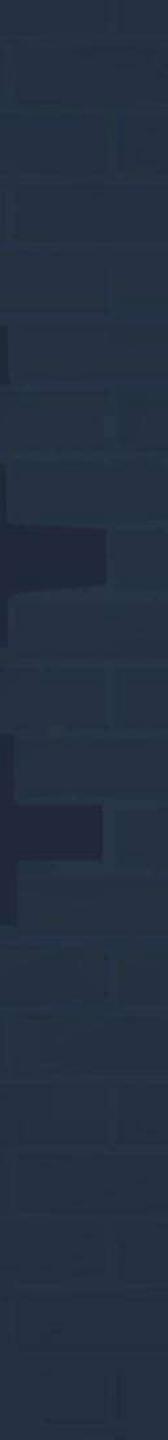
Rachel was Jacob's wife by choice
Leah was Jacob's wife by chance
Bilhah and Zilpah were Jacob's wife by competition



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### #2 FROM DEATH'S PERSPECTIVE WE SHOULD LOOK UP AT GOD'S PROVIDENCE

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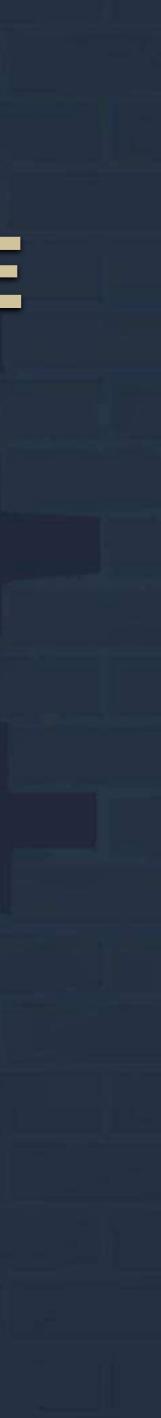


### "But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

Philippians 4:19

### #2 FROM DEATH'S PERSPECTIVE WE SHOULD LOOK UP AT GOD'S PROVIDENCE

# A. Do you remember God's provision in your life?B. Do you remember God's power at work in your life?



### "And on told Jacob ... and **Israel** strengthened himseff



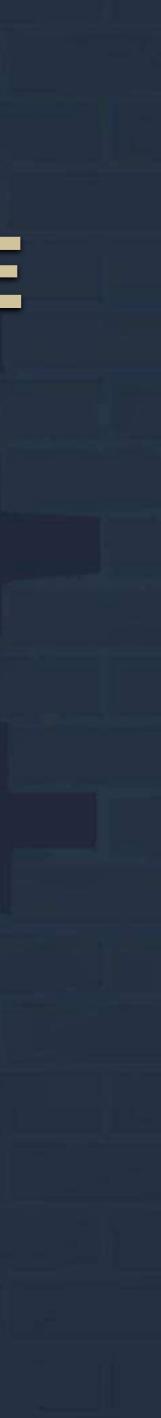
Genesis 48:2

## "And He siad, 'Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel."

Genesis 32:28

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# #3 FROM DEATH'S PERSPECTIVE WE SHOULD LOOK AROUND AT OUR PRESENT

#### A. Only by God's grace can you experience the blessings of life today



Only by HIs grace I have found this holy place Underneath His wings of love Trusting in my God above Grace for every need Grace that overflows and far exceeds Lavished on my soul at Calvary, Only by His grace

# #3 FROM DEATH'S PERSPECTIVE WE SHOULD LOOK AROUND AT OUR PRESENT

### A. Only by God's grace can you experience the blessings of life today

B. Only by God's grace can you be used to bless others today





**Hebrews 11:21** 

"By faith Jacob, when he was dying, blessed both sons of Joseph; and worshipped, leaning upon the top of his staff."



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