

Leaving a Legacy

Genesis 48-49 // May 7, 2023



... BUT GOD

the life of *Joseph*

REFLECT/CONNECT

- In what ways were you encouraged by last week's study?
- What's something that's been passed down to you that you'd like to pass down to future generations?



PREPARE YOUR HEART & MIND

Begin this time in prayer, confessing any sins you can recall, thanking the Lord for the gift of His Word, and asking for His Spirit to guide you in your time.

REFLECT/CONNECT

Use these questions for a time of individual reflection or to connect with others in meaningful conversation.

GROW IN THE WORD

These questions are designed as a guide for individual study and to foster spiritual conversation with a group of people.



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Joseph brought his two sons to see their grandfather Jacob before he died. Jacob blessed both of Joseph's sons, yet he passed down a greater blessing to Joseph's younger son, Ephraim. Jacob also blessed Joseph and granted him a greater portion than any of his brothers (48:1-22).

- What's the significance of Jacob claiming Joseph's two sons as his own? What would they gain as Jacob's heirs? See 1 Chronicles 5:1-2; Joshua 16:4-10.
- What stands out to you about how Joseph responded to Jacob when he began to provide a greater blessing to his younger son? Compare Joseph's response with how Jacob himself handled his inheritance in Genesis 27:18-29.
- In what ways does either man's behavior in this chapter motivate you to follow his example?

Jacob summoned his sons and provided a final blessing and prediction for the days ahead. Jacob addressed each son and either praised or rebuked him according to his nature and past behavior. Each son was blessed according to what was appropriate (49:1-28).

- Based on Jacob's blessings and predictions, what do you learn about the things God values in his people? See also Micah 6:8; Proverbs 25:28; Colossians 3:8.
- Which son's blessing or curse stands out most to you and why?

- How can you strive to live a life that models the things that God cares about?

Jacob gave his sons final instructions about his death and burial. He asked to be returned to the land of Canaan and buried with his family. Jacob breathed his last breath and died in the company of his children (49:29-33).

- Why did Jacob want to be buried in the land of Canaan, and what does it reveal about his faith in God's promises? See Genesis 13:14-17; 26:1-3.

- What's your biggest takeaway from the story of Joseph, his father Jacob, and his brothers?

- In what ways were you challenged to grow spiritually in light of this story?

UPCOMING EVENTS

ON MISSION: PRAYER WALK

Saturday, May 13 | 9 am | 111 Ivywood

You don't want to miss our first On Mission event of the summer as we take time to prayer walk the neighborhoods near Wayside. Learn more on our website & app.

WOMEN'S SUMMER GATHERING

Tuesday, June 6 | 7 pm | Fellowship Hall

Ladies, join us for a fun evening of games and fellowship at our next event! Invite a friend to join you, bring your favorite game, and come ready for a great evening together! Register online or in the app.