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THE REWARD OF FAITHFULNESS

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GENESIS 46-48

I. JACOB’S RESPONSE TO A STUNNING SURPRISE (46:1-5)
   A. (1) __________ Heart then a (2) __________________ to reunion
   B. Worshipped God in the pattern of His (3) __________________________
   C. God confirms His (4) ____________________________
      His (5) __________________________
      and (6) ____________________________ (Gen. 12:2; 15:14)
   D. Joseph (7) ____________________________ his father and (8) ___________ him,
      weeping for a (9) __________________________

II. JACOB’S ____________________________ FAITHFULNESS
   A. What is your occupation? (46:34; 47:3)
   B. Presented to Pharaoh (42:6; 43:26, 28; 47:7, 10)
   C. Blessing his grandsons as his own children (48:13, 17; 14, 19)

III. ISRAEL’S LIFE IN THE LAND OF EGYPT (47:27-31; 48:21-22)
   A. Their (11) ____________________________ is Israelite
   B. Acquired property and were fruitful increasing greatly in number
   C. Egypt is (12) ___________ their home
   D. Worshipped the (13) ________________
   E. Will the family align with the (14) ________________ of their ancestors
      or the (15) ____________________________ of their “dream brother and the
      empire?”

IV. ISRAEL CONVEYS GOD’S BLESSING (48:10-20; Heb. 11:21)
   A. Two (16) ________________ blessings (27:1-41; 48:10-20)
   B. The God who
      1. (17) ________________ Abraham, Isaac, Israel
      2. (18) ________________ His people
      3. (19) ________________ from harm
   C. May they
      1. Be (20) ________________ by the name of the Lord
      2. Raise many blessable images bearing covenant partners (Gen. 1:28)
      3. Bless children’s (21) ________________, (22) ________________,
         (23) ________________, and (24) ________________

V. FOR JESUS FOLLOWERS
   A. Whose prosperity will we seek?
   B. Would I leave Egypt to go back to Canaan?
   C. How will I bless enemies (Rom. 12:14-21; 1 Cor. 4:12-13; 1 Thess. 5:15; 1 Pet. 3:9)?
   D. Who is the (25) “__________________________” I am likely to prefer?

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GENESIS
IN THE BEGINNING...
21 By faith Jacob, when he was dying, blessed each of Joseph's sons, and worshiped as he leaned on the top of his staff.
25So they went up out of Egypt and came to their father Jacob in the land of Canaan. 26They told him, "Joseph is still alive! In fact, he is ruler of all Egypt."
25 So they went up out of Egypt and came to their father Jacob in the land of Canaan. 26 They told him, "Joseph is still alive! In fact, he is ruler of all Egypt." Jacob was stunned; he did not believe them.
27But when they told him everything Joseph had said to them, and when he saw the carts Joseph had sent to carry him back, the spirit of their father Jacob revived. 28And Israel said, "I'm convinced! My son Joseph is still alive. I will go and see him before I die."

Genesis 45
I. Jacob's response to a stunning surprise

A. _______ heart then a _________ to reunion

Reward of Faithfulness
I. Jacob's response to a stunning surprise
   A. **Numb** heart then a ________ to reunion

**Reward of Faithfulness**
I. Jacob's response to a stunning surprise
   A. Numb heart then a journey to reunion

Reward of Faithfulness
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23 Isaac went up to Beersheba. 

24 That night the LORD appeared to him and said, "I am the God of your father Abraham. Do not be afraid, for I am with you; I will bless you and will increase the number of your descendants for the sake of my servant Abraham."

25 Isaac built an altar there and called on the name of the LORD.
I. Jacob's response to a stunning surprise
   A. *Numb* heart then a *journey* to reunion
   B. Worshipped God in the pattern of his ___________
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A. **Numb** heart then a **journey** to reunion

B. Worshipped God in the pattern of his **fathers**
And God spoke to Israel in a vision at night and said, "Jacob! Jacob!" "Here I am," he replied. "I am God, the God of your father," he said. "Do not be afraid to go down to Egypt, for I will make you into a great nation there. I will go down to Egypt with you, and I will surely bring you back again. And Joseph's own hand will close your eyes."
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I. Jacob's response to a stunning surprise

A. Numb heart then a journey to reunion

B. Worshipped God in the pattern of his fathers

C. God confirms his __________, His __________ and __________

Reward of Faithfulness
I. Jacob's response to a stunning surprise

A. *Numb* heart then a *journey* to reunion

B. Worshipped God in the pattern of his *fathers*

C. God confirms his *decision*, His *_________* and *_________*

Reward of Faithfulness
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Reward of Faithfulness
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A. _Numb_ heart then a _journey_ to reunion

B. Worshipped God in the pattern of his _fathers_

C. God confirms his _decision_, His _promise_ and _presence_

Reward of Faithfulness
28 Now Jacob sent Judah ahead of him to Joseph to get directions to Goshen. When they arrived in the region of Goshen, 29 Joseph had his chariot made ready and went to Goshen to meet his father Israel. As soon as Joseph appeared before him, he threw his arms around his father and wept for a long time.

Genesis 46
I. Jacob's response to a stunning surprise

A. **Numb** heart then a **journey** to reunion

B. Worshipped God in the pattern of his **fathers**

C. God confirms his **decision**, His **promise** and **presence**

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**Reward of Faithfulness**
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**Reward of Faithfulness**
II. Jacob's __________ faithfulness

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A. What is your occupation?

Reward of Faithfulness
Then Joseph said, "When Pharaoh calls you in and asks, 'What is your occupation?' you should answer, 'Your servants have tended livestock from our boyhood on, just as our fathers did.' Then you will be allowed to settle in the region of Goshen, for all shepherds are detestable to the Egyptians."

Genesis 46
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II. Jacob's _________ faithfulness

A. What is your occupation?

B. Presented to Pharaoh

Reward of Faithfulness
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Genesis 42
Then Joseph brought his father Jacob in and presented him before Pharaoh. After Jacob blessed Pharaoh, Pharaoh asked him, "How old are you?" And Jacob said to Pharaoh, "The years of my pilgrimage are a hundred and thirty. My years have been few and difficult, and they do not equal the years of the pilgrimage of my fathers." Then Jacob blessed Pharaoh and went out from his presence.
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Genesis 47
27 Now the Israelites settled in Egypt in the region of Goshen. They acquired property there and were fruitful and increased greatly in number. 28 Jacob lived in Egypt seventeen years, and the years of his life were a hundred and forty-seven.
When the time drew near for Israel to die, he called for his son Joseph and said to him, "If I have found favor in your eyes, put your hand under my thigh and promise that you will show me kindness and faithfulness. Do not bury me in Egypt, but when I rest with my fathers, carry me out of Egypt and bury me where they are buried."
"I will do as you say," he said. 31"Swear to me," he said. Then Joseph swore to him, and Israel worshiped as he leaned on the top of his staff.
8When Israel saw the sons of Joseph, he asked, "Who are these?"

9"They are the sons God has given me here," Joseph said to his father. Then Israel said, "Bring them to me so I may bless them."

Genesis 48
Now Israel's eyes were failing because of old age, and he could hardly see. So Joseph brought his sons close to him, and his father kissed them and embraced them. Israel said to Joseph, "I never expected to see your face again, and now God has allowed me to see your children too." Then Joseph removed them from Israel's knees and bowed down with his face to the ground.
13 And Joseph took both of them, Ephraim on his right toward Israel's left hand and Manasseh on his left toward Israel's right hand, and brought them close to him. 14 But Israel reached out his right hand and put it on Ephraim's head, though he was the younger, and crossing his arms, he put his left hand on Manasseh's head, even though Manasseh was the firstborn.
15Then he blessed Joseph and said, "May the God before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac walked faithfully, the God who has been my shepherd all my life to this day, 16the Angel who has delivered me from all harm – may he bless these boys. May they be called by my name and the names of my fathers Abraham and Isaac, and may they increase greatly on the earth."  

Genesis 48
17When Joseph saw his father placing his right hand on Ephraim's head he was displeased; so he took hold of his father's hand to move it from Ephraim's head to Manasseh's head.
18Joseph said to him, "No, my father, this one is the firstborn; put your right hand on his head." 19But his father refused and said, "I know, my son, I know. He too will become a people, and he too will become great. Nevertheless, his younger brother will be greater than he, and his descendants will become a group of nations."

Genesis 48
II. Jacob's ________ faithfulness

A. What is your occupation?

B. Presented to Pharaoh

C. Blessing his grandsons as his own children

Reward of Faithfulness
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II. Jacob's __________ faithfulness

A. What is your occupation?
B. Presented to Pharaoh
C. Blessing his grandsons as his own children

Reward of Faithfulness
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III. Israel's life in the land of Egypt

A. Their ___________ is Israelite

Reward of Faithfulness
III. Israel's life in the land of Egypt

A. Their *identity* is Israelite

**Reward of Faithfulness**
III. Israel's life in the land of Egypt

A. Their \textit{identity} is Israelite

B. Acquired property and were fruitful and increasing greatly in number

Reward of Faithfulness
Do not bury me in Egypt, 30 but when I rest with my fathers, carry me out of Egypt and bury me where they are buried."
III. Israel's life in the land of Egypt

A. Their **identity** is Israelite

B. Acquired property and were fruitful and increasing greatly in number

C. Egypt is ____ their home

Reward of Faithfulness
III. Israel's life in the land of Egypt

A. Their **identity** is Israelite

B. Acquired property and were fruitful and increasing greatly in number

C. Egypt is **not** their home

**Reward of Faithfulness**
"I will do as you say," he said. 31"Swear to me," he said. Then Joseph swore to him, and Israel worshiped as he leaned on the top of his staff.
III. Israel's life in the land of Egypt

A. Their **identity** is Israelite

B. Acquired property and were fruitful and increasing greatly in number

C. Egypt is **not** their home

D. Worshipped the _______

Reward of Faithfulness
III. Israel's life in the land of Egypt

A. Their **identity** is Israelite

B. Acquired property and were fruitful and increasing greatly in number

C. Egypt is **not** their home

D. Worshipped the **LORD**

**Reward of Faithfulness**
"I will do as you say," he said. 31"Swear to me," he said. Then Joseph swore to him, and Israel worshiped as he leaned on the top of his staff.

Genesis 47
III. Israel's life in the land of Egypt

E. Will the family align with the _______ of their ancestors or the _______ of their "dream brother and the empire?"
III. Israel's life in the land of Egypt

E. Will the family align with the faith of their ancestors or the ________ of their "dream brother and the empire?"

Reward of Faithfulness
III. Israel's life in the land of Egypt

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10Now Israel's eyes were failing because of old age, and he could hardly see. So Joseph brought his sons close to him, and his father kissed them and embraced them. 11Israel said to Joseph, "I never expected to see your face again, and now God has allowed me to see your children too." 12Then Joseph removed them from Israel's knees and bowed down with his face to the ground.
Now Israel's eyes were failing because of old age, and he could hardly see. So Joseph brought his sons close to him, and his father kissed them and embraced them. "I never expected to see your face again, and now God has allowed me to see your children too." Then Joseph removed them from Israel's knees and bowed down with his face to the ground.

When Isaac was old and his eyes were so weak that he could no longer see, he called for Esau his older son.
IV. Israel conveys God's blessing

A. Two ______ blessings

Reward of Faithfulness
IV. Israel conveys God's blessing

A. Two *blind* blessings
Then he blessed Joseph and said, "May the God before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac walked faithfully, the God who has been my shepherd all my life to this day, the Angel who has delivered me from all harm – may he bless these boys. May they be called by my name and the names of my fathers Abraham and Isaac, and may they increase greatly on the earth."
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Genesis 48
IV. Israel conveys God's blessing

A. Two **blind** blessings

B. The God who

1. was ______ Abraham, Isaac, Israel

2. ____________ His people

3. ___________ from harm

**Reward of Faithfulness**
IV. Israel conveys God's blessing

A. Two **blind** blessings

B. The God who

1. was **with** Abraham, Isaac, Israel

2. __________ His people

3. _________ from harm

**Reward of Faithfulness**
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Genesis 48
IV. Israel conveys God's blessing

A. Two *blind* blessings

B. The God who

1. was *with* Abraham, Isaac, Israel

2. __________ His people

3. __________ from harm

Reward of Faithfulness
IV. Israel conveys God's blessing

A. Two **blind** blessings

B. The God who

1. was **with** Abraham, Isaac, Israel
2. **shepherds** His people
3. __________ from harm

Reward of Faithfulness
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B. The God who

1. was **with** Abraham, Isaac, Israel

2. **shepherds** His people

3. __________ from harm

Reward of Faithfulness
IV. Israel conveys God's blessing

A. Two **blind** blessings

B. The God who

1. was **with** Abraham, Isaac, Israel

2. **shepherds** His people

3. **delivers** from harm

**Reward of Faithfulness**
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Genesis 48
IV. Israel conveys God's blessing

C. May they

1. be __________ by the name of the LORD

Reward of Faithfulness
IV. Israel conveys God's blessing

C. May they

1. be *known* by the name of the LORD

Reward of Faithfulness
Then he blessed Joseph and said, "May the God before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac walked faithfully, the God who has been my shepherd all my life to this day, the Angel who has delivered me from all harm – may he bless these boys. May they be called by my name and the names of my fathers Abraham and Isaac, and may they increase greatly on the earth."

Genesis 48
IV. Israel conveys God's blessing

C. May *blind*

1. be *known* by the name of the LORD
2. raise many blessable image bearing covenant partners

Reward of Faithfulness
IV. Israel conveys God's blessing

D. Bless children's ________, ________,______,_______________, and ________

Reward of Faithfulness
IV. Israel conveys God's blessing

D. Bless children's identity, __________, _________________, and ________.
IV. Israel conveys God's blessing

D. Bless children's *identity, character,________, ________________, and ________
IV. Israel conveys God's blessing

D. Bless children's identity, character, accomplishments, and _______
IV. Israel conveys God's blessing

D. Bless children's **identity, character, accomplishments, and future**

Reward of Faithfulness
V. For Jesus Followers

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A. Whose prosperity will we seek?

Reward of Faithfulness
V. For Jesus Followers

A. Whose prosperity will we seek?

B. Would I leave Egypt to go back to Canaan?
V. For Jesus Followers

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B. Would I leave Egypt to go back to Canaan?
C. How will I bless enemies?

Reward of Faithfulness
V. For Jesus Followers

A. Whose prosperity will we seek?
B. Would I leave Egypt to go back to Canaan?
C. How will I bless enemies?
D. Who is the "__________" I am likely to prefer?

Reward of Faithfulness
V. For Jesus Followers

A. Whose prosperity will we seek?
B. Would I leave Egypt to go back to Canaan?
C. How will I bless enemies?
D. Who is the "right person" I am likely to prefer?

Reward of Faithfulness
In Remembrance of Me