

**“Blessing and Burial”**  
**Genesis 47:28–50:14**  
**March 3, 2024**

“Joel’s family says he struggled in his last days with remorse and what ifs. He wondered if he had been the man God wanted him to be. He wondered if he had done what God wanted him to do. But in the midst of the spiritual warfare, with his faculties failing, Joel cried out with conviction the truth that had seen him through life and would now see him through death. He preached the gospel. To himself. ‘I believe. I believe.’” (Kim Henderson)

**Burial by Faith**

“To your offspring I will give this land.” (Genesis 12:7).

“To you and your offspring I will give all these lands.” (Genesis 26:3)

“The land that I gave to Abraham and Isaac I will give to you, and I will give the land to your offspring after you.” (Genesis 35:12)

“I myself will go down with you to Egypt, and I will also bring you up again.” (Genesis 46:4)

**Blessing by Faith**

“Kings shall come from you” (Genesis 17:6).

“Kings shall come from your own body” (Genesis 35:11).

**Our most important present words and actions should be determined by believing God’s promises.**

“The wages of sin is death.” (Romans 6:23)

“For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.” (Philippians 1:21)

“Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!” (Luke 23:46)

“Devout men buried Stephen and made great lamentation over him.” (Acts 8:2)

“Do you know for sure that you are going to be with God in Heaven?” (Evangelism Explosion)

“If you were to die today and stand before God and he were to ask you, ‘Why should I let you into my heaven?’ what would you say?” (Evangelism Explosion)

“All the widows stood beside him weeping.” (Acts 9:39)

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

“I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.” (Genesis 3:15)

“Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered.” (Revelation 5:5)

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## Discuss

- When you reflect on the phrase, our most important present words and actions should be determined by believing God's promises, what strikes you about yourself?
- What should you be doing to prepare to die with faith, taking into account your season of life? Do you have an example of someone you know who set an example of dying with faith?
- What are some ways that you struggle to submit to the sovereign choice of God, and how does this story minister to you?
- How should our faith be focused on God's king, and what are the alternatives to avoid?

## Read

Genesis 23:1–20; 27:1–40

## Pray

- That the Holy Spirit will help you to submit to the providence of God.
- That the Holy Spirit will help you to reject false saviors (including yourself) and look to his king.

## Bulletin

- Women's Bible Study: Wednesdays at 10:00am
- Youth Ministry Gatherings: First and Third Wednesdays at 6:30pm
- Men's Breakfast: March 9 at 8:00am
- Members' Meeting: March 10 at 5:00pm
- Good Friday Service: March 29 at 6:00pm (no childcare)
- Egg Hunt: March 30 at 10:30am
- Exploring Membership: April 7, 14, 21, and 28 at 9:30am