



Series: Genesis

Passage: Genesis 48

Title: Jacob's Last Words

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Discussion Starter – As we age, we hopefully grow in wisdom as we recognize the Hand of God that has directed our lives. How have you seen God's work over the course of your life? How has your faith and acceptance of His work grown? What advice would you give to your children and grandchildren?

Read Genesis 48:1-7

- 1) We see that Jacob "strengthened himself on his bed". What does that reveal about his condition and his desire to speak with Joseph and his sons?
- 2) Of all of his adventures and experiences, what is the single event from his life that Jacob recites to Joseph? What does this reveal about what Jacob valued in his life?
- 3) Jacob claims Ephraim and Manassa as his own sons. What does that mean for Joseph's inheritance?
 - a) Read Luke 12:16-34. What is your most precious possession that you can pass on to your children?
 - b) What steps can you take to increase that possession?
 - c) What steps are you taking to pass it on even while you live?

Read Genesis 48:8-22

- 4) What is the prophetic significance of Jacob elevating Ephraim and Manassa to the status of full sons?
- 5) Read Romans 8:14-17. How has God graciously expanded His family to include us?
- 6) Jacob pronounces his blessing by faith. How does God speak prophetically through this event?
- 7) What is the source of the power in the blessing of a father?
- 8) Read Joshua 18. Why was a 13th tribe needed at the distribution of the promised land?
- 9) How was Jacob's prophecy over Ephraim fulfilled during the history of the Old Testament?
 - d) How has God moved supernaturally in your life to reward faithfulness as you simply walk by faith in the direction He has given you and confidently speak His word?
 - e) Read Isaiah 55:10-11. What truths has God revealed to you that you can confidently declare and pronounce over your children?