

# **JOSEPH'S FAITH**

## **Hebrews 11:22**

**Joseph was living and then leaving believing!**

### **I. HIS BEQUEST**

#### **A. BY FAITH**

1. He had lived a life of faith
2. He had not grown bitter
3. He did not adopt the gods of Egypt

#### **B. WHEN DYING**

1. He's still believing
2. He's finishing well
3. A finale of faith: His last act is what gets him mentioned in the Hall of Faith

### **II. HIS BELIEF**

#### **A. RECALLING**

1. He made mention of the exodus
2. He's focused on what's ahead
  - "God will surely take care of you" - Gen. 50:24

#### **B. REASSURING - Genesis 50:24**

1. God has a plan
2. God gives a promise
3. There is a future hope for you

### **III. HIS BONES**

#### **A. HIS CONCERN**

1. He gave orders concerning his bones
  - This is his last will and testament
2. He made the sons of Israel swear - Gen. 50:25

## B. HIS CONVICTION

1. He was not totally connected to Egypt
  - a. Even though he had much to hold him there
  - b. Joseph maintained a sense that he was still a foreigner in Egypt
2. Joseph was demonstrating a pilgrim spirit
  - Not totally at home in his “homeland”

## C. HIS CONDITIONS

1. His Remark - Gen. 50:25
  - a. Why did he say “You shall carry my bones up” > Indicating a future action
  - b. Why did he not ask them to bury him (take his bones) to Canaan right away?
2. Some Reasons (possibly)
  - a. He didn’t want a mausoleum or pyramid burial
  - b. Since his wife and sons knew only of Egypt, they wouldn’t be inclined to take him to Canaan for burial
  - c. His family did not want to leave Egypt even temporarily

## D. HIS COFFIN

1. In Egypt - Gen. 50:26
2. Out of Egypt - Exodus 13:19
3. In the Wilderness
4. During the Conquest
5. In the Promised Land - Joshua 24:32
  - 475 years after his death!

## **CONCLUSION:**

*“The legacy you are passing on to your children and others is the life you are living today.”*

- David Rainy, President of Family Life [www.christianity.com, accessed 11-7-20]

### **Your faith can impact future generations**

1. Live out a confidence in God
2. Pass on God’s promises
3. Rest in knowing you’ve done your best

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