



Joseph ... A Lasting Legacy ... What will You be Remembered For?

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Truth for Life

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(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

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Joseph and God's Promises – Gen. 50 & Heb. 11

I. Joseph's Dreams gave Insight to _____

When Life gets hard, I _____

II. Somehow, He Knew that there was _____

Facing Death, I Must Ensure My _____

III. By Faith, He Told His Ancestors to Take _____

In Death, My Bones are a _____

Some Reflection ...

I. We have a tremendous responsibility to pass our _____ on to our _____ and _____

II. Aging is a beautiful time of life, do not waste it in _____

III. No matter what our status may be, God is _____ than you are, and He is _____ than Your Needs.

1. When you think back to those defining moments in life, when your faith was shaped, how have you communicated that event to your family and friends? Have they seen God's faithfulness in your story? In your life?
2. A powerful way of sharing your “story” is by talking about what God has done in your life. As you read through Titus 3:3-8, write down anything that could be used to help someone understand how God works in their life when they ask him to?

What part of this passage is most important for you to remember and why?
3. Sometimes the hardest part of telling other people about your faith in Jesus is getting around some of the damage done to others by family and church. What reminders do the following verses give that help you share your story in non-judgmental ways?

Romans 3:10 Romans 3:23 2 Corinthians 5:17 Ephesians 2:8-9

Could it be that some of the turn off from those who are not yet followers of Christ might be in the way we tell our story? Or the reason we tell our story? If our story sounds condescending to those far from God, or if our story sounds “preachy;” it could be that our story is not accomplishing what God intends for our faith story. How could we ensure good intentions and the best results from our sharing?

4. Jacob's last words to his sons right before he died was significant in that he was determined to pass his faith on to his children and grandchildren. Throughout the Bible there are numerous instances where last words are recorded. Read the passages below and jot down any insights you find that encourage you in your walk with Jesus.

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5. As you think about the important people in your life, what do you want them to know about you and your faith? Take some time to write down what blessing you'd like to give to each one of them.

Memory Verse

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When Life gets hard, I Must Press On

II. Somehow, He Knew that there was Life Beyond Egypt

Facing Death, I Must Ensure My Family Knows

III. By Faith, He Told His Ancestors to Take Me Back Home

In Death, My Bones are a Living Testimony

Some Reflection ...

- I. We have a tremendous responsibility to pass our Faith on to our Children and Grandchildren
- II. Aging is a beautiful time of life, do not waste it in Bitterness
- III. No matter what our status may be, God is Bigger than you are, and He is Bigger than Your Needs.

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