

Sermon: Finishing Well
Series: *Joseph: Trusting the Goodness of God*

Scripture: Genesis 47:29-49:33
Date: May 24, 2020

OBSERVATION -- As a group, talk through and summarize the passage. Think through *Who, What, Where, When, How, Why* questions together.

INTERPRETATION -- Answer these questions together:

1) What does this passage teach us about God?

a) Read Genesis 48:15-16. How does Jacob describe God here? What can you learn from this? Or, how does it encourage you?

b) God's ways are not our ways. God uses Judah (fourth born and many failures) to bring salvation. How does this change how you see the course of your own life?

2) What does this passage teach us about us (mankind)?

a) Our faith grows when we look back at God's faithfulness. Can you see a specific example of God shepherding you (48:15) from this past few weeks?

b) Our faith grows when we are convinced that God will keep his promises. What promise of God are you clinging too lately?

3) What does this passage teach us about grace/salvation? How does it point to Christ?

a) Read 49:8-12. Judah's blessing points our hearts to Jesus. How does this blessing help you place your trust more fully in Christ?

APPLICATION

What is one way that you can foster a deeper longing for Jesus this week?

PRAYER

Praise God for his shepherding presence in your life all the days of your life, and for his promise to bring you home.

Confess ways that you have failed to "finish well" by trusting God.

Ask God to give you a deeper longing for Christ and his return as you look at his love for you in the cross.