

A HERITAGE FROM DAD **(Gen. 49:28 – 50:1)**

INTRODUCTION

Heritage - may imply anything passed on to heirs; however, usually to things other than actual property or money.

4 PRECIOUS MEMORIES, A HERITAGE, JACOB LEFT JOSEPH

1. THE ABILITY TO FORGIVE BRETHREN

Joseph's brothers "hated him, could not speak peaceably unto him" (Gen. 37:4)

Joseph was envied and mistreated, cast into a pit, sold, lied about to his father. While in Egypt: falsely accused, cast into prison, forgotten.

Joseph said, "Fear not: for am I in the place of God? But as for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive" (Gen. 50:19-20)

(Eph. 4:32) "Be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you."

II. AN EXAMPLE OF GOODNESS, TRUST, FAITH

Jacob had faith about returning to the promised land, and instilled that in Joseph.

(2 Tim. 1:5) "When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and in thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also."

(1 Peter 2:21) "Jesus suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow His steps"

III. KNOWLEDGE OF GOD

(Gen. 50:23) "And Joseph saw Ephraim's children of the third generation:
The children also of Machir the son of Mannasseh were brought up on Joseph's knees"

The importance of God's people knowing God's word: (Deut. 6:4-9)

IV. FOND MEMORIES

(Gen. 25:5) "And Abraham gave all that he had unto Isaac" Jacob / Joseph ...

Dad, what are you giving your children?

Heritage - ... other than actual property

When death takes a dad, what's left?