

“FAITH: THE CONVICTION OF THINGS UNSEEN”

“Living Beyond Today”

“Faith—Blessing What You Cannot See”

(Hebrews 11:20-22)

INTRODUCTION:

1A. ISAAC: THE _____ PATRIARCH (V. 20)

“By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau, even regarding things to come.”

- Much of his life was spent _____ in his faith and _____ God’s plan.
- But at the end of his life, Isaac _____, and reaffirmed the promise and purposes of God.

“So Isaac called for Jacob, blessed him,... “May God pass on to you and your descendants the blessings he promised to Abraham. May you own this land where we now are foreigners, for God gave it to Abraham.”

—Genesis 28:1-4

2A. JACOB: THE _____ PATRIARCH (V. 21)

“By faith Jacob, as he was dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, and worshiped, leaning on the top of his staff.”

- Much of his life was spent _____ in his faith and _____ God’s plan.

- *But at the end of his life, Jacob _____, and reaffirmed the promise and purposes of God.*

“Jacob said to Joseph, ‘God Almighty appeared to me at Luz in the land of Canaan and blessed me. He said to me, “I will make you a multitude of nations, and I will give this land of Canaan to you and your descendants as an everlasting possession.” Now I am adopting as my own sons these two boys of yours, Ephraim and Manasseh, who were born here in the land of Egypt before I arrived. They will inherit from me just as Reuben and Simeon will.’”

Then Jacob said to Joseph, “I am about to die, but God will be with you and will bring you again to Canaan, the land of your ancestors.”

—Genesis 48:3-5, 21

3A. JOSEPH: THE _____ PATRIARCH.

“By faith Joseph, when he was dying, made mention of the exodus of the sons of Israel, and gave orders concerning his bones.”

- *Much of his life was spent _____ in his faith and _____ God’s plan.*
- *And at the end of his life, Joseph _____, and reaffirmed the promise and purposes of God.*

“As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good in order to bring about this present result, to preserve many people alive.’

“Joseph said to his brothers, ‘I am about to die, but God will surely take care of you and bring you up from this land to the land which He promised on oath to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob.’ Then Joseph made the sons of Israel swear, saying, ‘God will surely take care of you, and you shall carry my bones up from here.’”

—Genesis 50:20, 24-25

CONCLUSION:

“All these faithful ones died without receiving what God had promised them, but they saw it all from a distance and welcomed the promises of God.”

—Hebrews 11:13