



GENESIS

Jacob's Burial **Genesis 50:1-14**

1. Joseph's grief illustrates for us that grief deserves dedicated-unhurried space and that it should be voiced and not suppressed. Where have you avoided grief? How have you avoided grief? Who or what do you need to grieve? What parts of grief do you need to give to the Lord?
2. The text reminds us that grief should be shared. Doing so helps us to offer comfort that we have received. It models compassion and is a testimony to outsiders. Where do you need to accept comfort? Where do you need to show compassion and comfort to others?
3. This text reminds us that God uses grief to sanctify us. Where may God be using grief to sanctify you? What is God teaching you through your grief?
4. God uses grief to prepare our hearts for hope. Where does your hope rest? Are you resting/coping in any way that needs to change?
5. Psalm 34; Matthew 5:4; Psalm 23; Revelation 21; Lamentations 3:22-23; Psalm 30:5; Psalm 46:1, Psalm 42:11, Romans 15:13, Isaiah 41:10, John 14:27, Psalm 73:26, Isaiah 25:8, Psalm 121, Psalm 27, Psalm 142, Psalm 62, Psalm 18

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¹Joseph threw himself on his father and wept over him and kissed him.

²Then Joseph told the physicians who served him to embalm his father's body; so Jacob was embalmed. ³The embalming process took the usual forty days. And the Egyptians mourned his death for seventy days. ⁴When the period of mourning was over, Joseph approached Pharaoh's advisers and said, "Please do me this favor and speak to Pharaoh on my behalf.

⁵Tell him that my father made me swear an oath. He said to me, 'Listen, I am about to die. Take my body back to the land of Canaan, and bury me in the tomb I prepared for myself.' So please allow me to go and bury my father. After his burial, I will return without delay."⁶Pharaoh agreed to Joseph's request. "Go and bury your father, as he made you promise," he said. ⁷So Joseph went up to bury his father. He was accompanied by all of Pharaoh's officials, all the senior members of Pharaoh's household, and all the senior officers of Egypt. ⁸Joseph also took his entire household and his brothers and their households. But they left their little children and flocks and herds in the land of Goshen. ⁹A great number of chariots and charioteers accompanied Joseph. ¹⁰When they arrived at the threshing floor of Atad, near the Jordan River, they held a very great and solemn memorial service, with a seven-day period of mourning for Joseph's father. ¹¹The local residents, the Canaanites, watched them mourning at the threshing floor of Atad. Then they renamed that place (which is near the Jordan) Abel-mizraim, for they said, "This is a place of deep mourning for these Egyptians."¹²So Jacob's sons did as he had commanded them. ¹³They carried his body to the land of Canaan and buried him in the cave in the field of Machpelah, near Mamre. This is the cave that Abraham had bought as a permanent burial site from Ephron the Hittite. ¹⁴After burying Jacob, Joseph returned to Egypt with his brothers and all who had accompanied him to his father's burial.

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent word!
What more can He say than to you He hath said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand."

"When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
For I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress."

"When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine."

"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake!"