

1 Faith in God's Promises for the Next Generation

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(Read also **GENESIS 50:24-26**.)

Joseph, when giving the Israelites instructions about his bones, mentioned the land that God had promised them. This land was a multigenerational promise, one God had made to the Israelite forefathers Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (Genesis 50:24). Joseph had faith that this was also the promise of God to the generations after him, even though he would not see the fulfillment of the promise himself. This promise was beyond lifetimes, and would be passed on to the next generation. As evidence of this faith, he even asked the Israelites to bring his bones with them when the promise was fulfilled. What things are you believing for that go beyond your lifetime?

2 Faith in God's Promises through the Next Generation

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By entrusting his bones to them, Joseph showed his faith that the next generation of Israelites would carry on believing and claiming the promise that God had made to them, just as he was doing, and just as their forefathers had done. This did not depend on whether or not they would see the fulfillment of the promise, but on the faithfulness of God who had made the promise. Do you trust the next generation to carry on the visions and promises that God has given to you?

APPLICATION

- Do you believe that you must put your faith in God alone? Have you received Jesus as your Lord and Savior? If not, would you be willing to pray that prayer today?
- Does your faith in God's promises go beyond your lifetime? As you seek God daily, write down and commit to pray for the promises of God that you want to claim not just for yourself, but for the next generation as well.
- Do you trust the next generation to carry on the visions and promises that God has given to you? What are some ways that you can relay the visions and the promises of God to the next generation?