



Faith Prevails!

A summary of Joseph's life of faith

“You have need of endurance, so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise” (Heb. 10:36)

“let us run with endurance the race that is set before us” (Heb. 12:1)

“Blessed is the man who endures temptation (trial); for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.” (James 1:12)

Faith Prevails...

When
family
lets
you
down

Give

Forgive

Let your faith mature



Faith Prevails...

When
work
lets
you
down

See work as a
means to an end

See work as a
blessing from God

Work “as unto the Lord”



Faith Prevails...

When
friends
lets
you
down

See potential in people

Be aware of your
own shortcomings

Tell them your concerns

Be unwilling to gossip

Be willing to forgive



Faith Prevails...

When
you
let
yourself
down

Do something better

Seek and accept God's
Forgiveness

See your value to God

See the awfulness of sin



God will never let you down



The story of Joseph's bones

Gen. 50:22-26

Teach the Gospel to Your Generation

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Teach A Message of Trust

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Live Like a Pilgrim in Egypt

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Exodus 13:19

Reminder of God's Providential Care

“Moses took the bones of Joseph with him because Joseph had made the sons of Israel swear an oath. He had said, "God will surely come to your aid, and then you must carry my bones up with you from this place." (Exodus 13:19)

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Joshua 24:29-33

We Need Reminders of God's Work

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God's work goes on when His servants die

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God keeps His promises

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Hebrews 11:22

God Keeps His Promise to Get Us Home!

²² By faith Joseph, when he was dying, made mention of the departure of the children of Israel, and gave instructions concerning his bones. (Heb. 11:22)

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1 Thess. 4:16-18

Joseph's Bones are Not Finished Traveling!

“For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage each other with these words.”

(1 Thessalonians 4:16-18; also 1 Cor. 15:42-47)