The Bones of Joseph Genesis 50:22-26

Bones of Joseph: Faith

Hebrews 11:22; Genesis 50:25; Exodus 13:19; Joshua 24:32

- Joseph had <u>faith</u> in God's promises. Hebrews 11:22; Genesis 50:24-26
 - God gave His word. Genesis 48:21; 46:3-4
 - Jacob gave Joseph land. John 4:5-6
 - -Joseph was buried there. Joshua 24:32
- God promises us a heavenly rest. Philippians 3:20; Hebrews 4:1, 11

Bones of Joseph: Patient Endurance Genesis 50:25

- "God will surely visit you." Genesis 50:25
 - Hundreds of years later. Exodus 12:40-41
 - Meanwhile, terrible burden. Exodus 1:11-14
 - God never forgot them. Exodus 2:23-25
- Through patient endurance we inherit the promises. 1 Peter 3:13-17;
 Matthew 10:22; Galatians 5:7; James 1:12

Bones of Joseph: Patient Endurance Genesis 50:25

- We must remember God's word and His promises to us. Titus 1:1-3; 2 Peter 1:2-4
- God's promises include ...
 - Savior and salvation. Acts 13:23, 32-33; 2:39
 - Eternal life. Titus 1:2; 1 John 2:25
 - Not to forsake us. Hebrews 13:5-6
 - All spiritual blessings. Ephesians 1:3
 - Inheritance in heaven. Galatians 3:29;
 Romans 8:17-18

Bones of Joseph: Patient Endurance Genesis 50:25

- God always remembers His promises! Titus 1:2
- We must remember His promises by patiently enduring. Hebrews 6:9-12; 10:36-39

Bones of Joseph: Obedience Exodus 13:19

- Israel remembered <u>God's promise</u> and <u>Joseph's oath</u> to take his bones from Egypt.
- Bones of Joseph a constant <u>contrast</u> of obedient faith in the midst of a rebellious generation in the wilderness.
- Finally buried; a monument to obedient, enduring faith. Joshua 24:32

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Bones of Joseph: Obedience Exodus 13:19

- Faith compels us to remember God's word and our "oath" to obey. Hebrews 8:10-12
 - Do not turn back. Galatians 4:8-9
 - Will not have perfect faith by turning back to the flesh. Galatians 3:1-9; Ephesians 4:20-24
- Obedient faith saves. James 2:17-18, 24

Bones of Joseph: Hope Hebrews 11:1

- A monument to God's faithfulness and Joseph's hope. Exodus 13:19
- <u>Hope</u>: Desire + expectation. Hebrews 6:18
 - DESIRE: "... set before us ..."
 - EXPECTATION: God cannot lie, therefore, "... lay hold of the hope ..."
- No disappointment. Romans 5:3-5

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◆ Testify to living faith. Hebrews 11:22

- Everlasting life in Jesus. John 4:5, 14
 - -FAITH in God's promises.
 - -PATIENT ENDURANCE. Philippians 2:12-13
 - -OBEDIENT faith to do God's will.
 - -HOPE that anchors our soul. Hebrews 6:19

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