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A HERITAGE FROM DAD

(Genesis 49:28 – 50:1)

INTRODUCTION

"Heritage" - may imply anything passed on to heirs; something inherited; legacy.

What did Jacob give to Joseph?

1. THE ABILITY TO FORGIVE BRETHREN

Joseph's brothers "hated him and could not speak peaceably to him" (Gen. 37:4).

Joseph was envied, mistreated, cast into a pit, sold, lied about to his father.
While in Egypt: falsely accused, cast into prison, forgotten.

(Genesis 50:19-20) "Joseph said to them, Do not be afraid, for am I in the place of God?
But as for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good,
in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive."

(Ephesians 4:32) "Be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another,
even as God for Christ's sake has forgiven you."

2. AN EXAMPLE OF FAITH

(Genesis 48:21) "Israel ("Jacob") said to Joseph, Behold, I am dying, but God will
be with you and bring you back to the land of your fathers."

The power of example may be seen in generations: (2 Timothy 1:5) "When I call to
remembrance the genuine faith that is in you, which dwelt first in your grandmother
Lois and in your mother Eunice, and I am persuaded is in you also."

Jesus left us a "heritage" - (1 Peter 2:21) "Christ also suffered for us,
leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps."

3. KNOWLEDGE OF GOD

(Genesis 50:23) "Joseph saw Ephraim's children to the third generation. The children
of Machir, the son of Manasseh, were also brought up on Joseph's knees."

God desires His people (children) to know His word: (Deut. 6:4-9)

4. PRECIOUS MEMORIES

(Genesis 25:5) "Abraham gave all that he had to Isaac" - Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph
Jacob's last words to Joseph included a remembrance (Gen. 49:29-31).

Dad, what are you giving (leaving) your children?