

2/13/11 Sermon Notes:

Faith to the Finish

Hebrews 11:21; Genesis 48

- I. Jacob's Focus shows his Faith (vs. 3-15)
 - A. He passed on what he had received (vs. 3-4)
 - B. He promoted Joseph's sons (vs. 5)
 - C. He praised God for what He had done (vs. 3, 4, 11, 15)
- II. Jacob's Finish shows his Faith (vs. 16-22)
 - A. He was Confident of God's Will
 - B. He was Committed to God's Will
 - C. He Communicated God's Will

Key Verse:

Hebrews 11:21, "By faith Jacob, as he was dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, and worshiped, leaning on the top of his staff."

Life Application

Please take these questions and use them for personal application. We pray that they will help you grow in Christ.

1. According to 2 Timothy 4:7-8, what did Paul keep until the end and what did he receive as a result?
2. In your own words, describe the promise found in the last phrase of 2 Timothy 4:8.
3. What things are you doing intentionally to pass on your faith to others? According to Deuteronomy 6:5-9 what should you be doing?
4. Read through Genesis 48. How many times did Jacob refer to God and in each case what was he saying about Him?
5. Jacob was clearly confident and committed to God's will and he also communicated it to others. In your life which of these areas are you struggling with most? Ask God to help you understand His will, and commit to Him that you will obey His leading.

