

# GOD IN THIS MOMENT

Part 10: Jacob sets his family's future in order - Genesis 48:1-22

Jacob puts **SPIRITUAL** identity above **FAMILY** identity  
vs. 1-4, 15-16

*'Dad, **SPEAK** God's blessing into your children'*

Jacob does what is **RIGHT**, even when it feels **UNFAIR** vs. 5-7

*'Dad, aim to please **GOD** more than to keep everyone happy'*

Jacob trusts God's **UNIQUE** script for his family vs. 8-20

*'Dad, allow God to write your family **STORY**'*

Jacob anchors them of God's **LONG-TERM** plan vs. 21-22

*'Dad, give them confidence in God's **FAITHFULNESS**'*

## Life Application Questions – June 21, 2026

**Genesis 48:1-2** *Now it came about after these things that Joseph was told, “Behold, your father is sick.” So he took his two sons Manasseh and Ephraim with him. When it was told to Jacob, “Behold, your son Joseph has come to you,” Israel collected his strength and sat up in the bed.*

### **DISCOVER** (Read Genesis 48)

1. Share of a time that you may have had at a loved one’s bedside when their death was imminent. What was your spiritual attitude at the time? Why is it important to be physically present during this moment? How does “showing up” demonstrate character and priorities?
2. If there is someone in your life that may be parting from this world soon, would you consider bringing in young children during this difficult time or would you want to protect them from it? Explain.
3. Reflect on a time when you faced uncertainty or illness. How did your faith in God's promises sustain you, and how can you encourage others in similar situations?

### **EXPLORE**

1. In what ways does the adoption of Manasseh and Ephraim by Jacob reflect God's plan for inclusion and blessing? How does this relate to the concept of spiritual adoption in the New Testament?
2. Read Genesis 12:1-3, 15:5, 18; Genesis 26:3-5; Genesis 28:13-15, 48:19. What are the common denominators of the language being used? Why is it so important for the next generation to hear the word of God correctly as it transcends time and generations?
3. Re-read v. 15, then v. 21. What do these verses say about the character of God?
4. Read Psalm 89:27, Jeremiah 31:9, and Colossians 1:15. What might you conclude about the meaning of being “firstborn?”
5. In v. 20, Jacob blesses both Manasseh and Ephraim with the same words. How is it that Ephraim will then receive a greater blessing? How might this idea or favor manifest in someone’s life today?
6. In the Genesis 48 account, where do you notice that the torch is being handed over from Jacob to Joseph? How do we know that the torch was indeed passed and that God’s work did not end with Jacob or Joseph?

### **EXPERIENCE**

1. How can we prepare ourselves spiritually and practically for the end of life, as Jacob did? How can we ensure that we are leaving a spiritual legacy for the next generation? What steps can we take today to ensure we leave a legacy of faith to family members?
2. Why does blessing children work to bless their parents?
3. Have you ever promised anyone, “God will be with you.”? How can you speak this in any sense of confidence? What circumstances might hold you back from blessing someone in this way?

### **PRAY**

*Father in Heaven, Your thoughts and Your ways are so much higher than ours. Forgive us our limited understanding which is constantly before You. Thank You for faithfully covenanting with us and that Your lovingkindness endures forever. In Jesus’ name. Amen.*