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**“Faith in My Mess”**

Hebrews 11:2; Genesis 48

**Big Idea:** Faith is learning to trust in the goodness of God and rest in the grace of God in every season and situation.

“By faith, Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, bowing in worship over the head of his staff.” - Hebrews 11:21

In My Mess (Hebrews 11:21; Genesis 48):

- 1) God is my Shepherd (Genesis 48:15)
  - a) “The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name’s sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.” – Psalm 23
  - b) “The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.” – John 10:10-11
  - c) Following God’s Shepherding:
    - 1) Listen to God’s leading of me (Genesis 28:10-22)
    - 2) Look to God’s Word to feed me (Genesis 35:9-15)
    - 3) Lean on God’s power and promises to protect me (Genesis 32:22-32)
    - 4) Let God guide me (Genesis 46:2-4)
  
- 2) God is my Redeemer (Genesis 48:16)
  - a) Identity shifts - changed by the grace of God:
    - 1) From deceiver to dependent
    - 2) From scheming to surrendering
    - 3) From running to redeemed
    - 4) From haughty to humble
    - 5) From wrestling to worshipping
  - b) “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to Himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation.”  
- 2 Corinthians 5:17-18

**YOU ARE LOVED**