



STRONG AND COURAGEOUS The Book of Joshua

Week 2: Into Egypt

As the book of Genesis closes, we find God's people have settled in Egypt, after a big famine in Canaan and the miraculous story of Joseph saving his family. At the very end of the book, we find even though they are in Egypt, Joseph knows that his true home is the promised land.



THINK

Where do you feel like you belong most? How does a faith in God impact that?



READ

Genesis 50:22-26

Joseph stayed in Egypt, along with all his father's family. He lived a hundred and ten years and saw the third generation of Ephraim's children. Also the children of Makir son of Manasseh were placed at birth on Joseph's knees.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, "I am about to die. But God will surely come to your aid and take you up out of this land to the land he promised on oath to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob." And Joseph made the Israelites swear an oath and said, "God will surely come to your aid, and then you must carry my bones up from this place."

So Joseph died at the age of a hundred and ten. And after they embalmed him, he was placed in a coffin in Egypt.

Hebrews 11:22

By faith Joseph, when his end was near, spoke about the exodus of the Israelites from Egypt and gave instructions concerning the burial of his bones.



REFLECT

Why does Joseph want his bones carried up to Canaan after he dies?

In the New Testament reading, Joseph is commended for his faith. How do his actions show he trusts in God's promises?

As Christians, we know even more of God's promises being kept in Jesus. When do you find it hard to trust that God keeps his promises?

What might it look like for you to show you trust God's promises in your life? At school? At home? Other places?



PRAY

Give thanks again that God keeps his promises. Give thanks to God for the example of Joseph and pray that our lives will be different as we trust Him.