By Faith Joseph (Hebrews 11:1)

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INTRODUCTION

- His identity was tied to his hope. When Joseph gave instruction concerning his bones, that tells me that his identity, who he was as a person, was not tied to Egypt.
- He made mention of the Exodus of the sons of Israel and gave orders concerning his bones.
- I don't want to be buried here. I want you to take me to the land that has been promised to our descendants.

1 Focus on the Conclusion of the Matter

Hebrews 11:20–22; Hebrews 11:24–26

- Joseph's words, Jacob's words, Isaac's words, all indicate their focus on the conclusion of the matter.
- We wrap up our identity in the clothes we wear, the cars we drive, the houses we have, the neighborhoods we live in, the jobs we have.
- By faith, Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to endure ill treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin.
- But he identified himself with God's plan and God's purposes. And that's what you need to be all about.
- When all has been heard. Fear God and keep his commandments. Because this applies to every person.
- Don't stray too far and too long from the conclusion of the matter.

2 Choose and Live in View of Hope

- What we are as flesh will fail. But the word of the Lord endures forever.
- Joseph displayed confidence in the great promise and the inspired dreams of his youth. And we too must trust in every assurance that the Word of God provides us.
- And we need to order our lives. The way we think, the words we speak, our behavior in every respect, on the basis of our confidence in these words, and in view of our hope.
- And we need to live in view of the ultimate upgrade that's coming. You will not pine for this and what you left behind.
- Whatever the eternal, immortal body is, it will be ideal and perfect. This world is temporary.
- What is awaiting us as God's people is immensely better. You can't quantify it. Live for it. Make choices in view of it.

THE CHALLENGE

When only bones remain, where will we be?

MY NOTES