



Easley Church of God
Sunday Worship 9-25-22
Sermon Series: LABELS-8

Key Verse for this Series:

1 Corinthians 6:11

Some of you were once like that. But you were cleansed; you were made holy; you were made right (justified) with God by calling on the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

Today's Text:

Genesis 45:25-28

25 Then they went up out of Egypt, and came to the land of Canaan to Jacob their father. 26 And they told him, saying, "Joseph is still alive, and he is governor over all the land of Egypt." And Jacob's heart stood still, because he did not believe them. 27 But when they told him all the words which Joseph had said to them, and when he saw the carts which Joseph had sent to carry him, the spirit of Jacob their father revived. 28 Then Israel said, "It is enough. Joseph my son is still alive. I will go and see him before I die."

LIFE LESSONS FROM THE CONCLUSION OF JOSEPH'S STORY:

1. Israel (Jacob) set an example of _____ to _____.

- a. Genesis 46:1 So Israel took his journey with all that he had, and came to Beersheba, and offered sacrifices to the God of his father Isaac.
- b. Genesis 21:33 Then Abraham planted a tamarisk tree in Beersheba, and there called on the name of the LORD, the Everlasting God.
- c. Genesis 26:23-25 Then he went up from there to Beersheba. 24 And the LORD appeared to him (Jacob) the same night and said, "I am the God of your father Abraham; do not fear, for I am with you. I will bless you and multiply your descendants for My servant Abraham's sake." 25 So he built an altar there and called on the name of the LORD, and he pitched his tent there; and there Isaac's servants dug a well.
- d. 2 Chronicles 16:9 For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him. In this you have done foolishly; therefore from now on you shall have wars."

LIFE LESSONS FROM THE CONCLUSION OF JOSEPH'S STORY:

Point 1 Continued:

- e. Worship _____ you to God's _____.
Genesis 46:2-4 Then God spoke to Israel in the visions of the night, and said, "Jacob, Jacob!" And he said, "Here I am." 3 So He said, "I am God, the God of your father; do not fear to go down to Egypt, for I will make of you a great nation there. 4 I will go down with you to Egypt, and I will also surely bring you up again; and Joseph will put his hand on your eyes."
- f. Worship _____ you to your next _____.
Genesis 46:5 Then Jacob arose from Beersheba; and the sons of Israel carried their father Jacob, their little ones, and their wives, in the carts which Pharaoh had sent to carry him.
- g. Worship _____ the family together in God's _____.
Genesis 46:6-7 So they took their livestock and their goods, which they had acquired in the land of Canaan, and went to Egypt, Jacob and all his descendants with him. 7 His sons and his sons' sons, his daughters and his sons' daughters, and all his descendants he brought with him to Egypt.

LIFE LESSONS FROM THE CONCLUSION OF JOSEPH'S STORY:

- 2. Joseph set an example of trusting God as _____ and _____ of his life.
 - a. Genesis 50:15-21 When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "Perhaps Joseph will hate us, and may actually repay us for all the evil which we did to him." 16 So they sent messengers to Joseph, saying, "Before your father died he commanded, saying, 17 'Thus you shall say to Joseph: "I beg you, please forgive the trespass of your brothers and their

sin; for they did evil to you.” ’ Now, please, forgive the trespass of the servants of the God of your father.” And Joseph wept when they spoke to him. 18 Then his brothers also went and fell down before his face, and they said, “Behold, we are your servants.” 19 Joseph said to them, “Do not be afraid, for am I in the place of God? 20 But as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive. 21 Now therefore, do not be afraid; I will provide for you and your little ones.” And he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

LIFE LESSONS FROM THE CONCLUSION OF JOSEPH’S STORY:

Point 2 Continued:

b. The enemy will keep _____ your _____ to make you _____ your victory.

c. We win the mind battle by _____ that God is the _____ of your _____.

d. Hebrews 12:2a looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith...

e. 1 Peter 5:8-10 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. 9 Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world. 10 But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you.

LIFE LESSONS FROM THE CONCLUSION OF JOSEPH’S STORY:

3. We are to follow the example to stop and worship at the _____ of _____.

a. 1 Peter 2:21-25 To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps. 22 “He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.” 23 When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. 24 “He himself bore our sins” in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; “by his wounds you have been healed.” 25 For “you were like sheep going astray,” but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

b. It is there we _____ our burden.

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

LIFE LESSONS FROM THE CONCLUSION OF JOSEPH’S STORY:

Point 3 Continued:

c. It is there we find _____ in the Lord.

Colossians 3:10 Put on your new nature, and be renewed as you learn to know your Creator and become like him.

d. It is there we find _____ from the Lord.

Isaiah 54:10 For the mountains shall depart And the hills be removed, But My kindness shall not depart from you, Nor shall My covenant of peace be removed," Says the LORD, who has mercy on you.

John 6:40 And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day.

Conclusion:

Are you lost in the trials of life?

Do you feel defeated from the circumstances of life?

Turn to the cross of Christ!

Reflection:

Who are you allowing to write your life story?