

**CONNECTION QUESTION**

What was your favorite chapter in the book of Genesis?

**BRINGING THE BIBLE TO LIFE**

What are the different ideas we have today about what it means to die well? What do the deaths of Jacob and Joseph teach us about dying well?

We heard this weekend how fearful Joseph's brothers were after their father died because they still weren't sure if Joseph had forgiven them. What they learned was that not only had he been able to forgive them, but he had also had been able to see God working for good in spite of their evil intentions. Like Joseph's brothers, we also can struggle accepting God's forgiveness of our sins and past mistakes.

What encouragement do the following passages provide for understanding and accepting God's love and forgiveness?

- Isaiah 1:18
- Psalm 32:5
- Psalm 103:8-14
- 1 John 1:8-9



*Read Genesis 50:22-26.* Joseph lived a high profile life in Egypt. While Joseph lived in Egypt, he never let Egypt live in him. What does it mean to live in our culture but not let our culture live in us?

In the sermon, there were three truths Joseph held onto so he could move beyond the wounds of the past. What were they? Of the three, which one is most important for you to apply this week?

Read Hebrews 11 and 12:1-2. What does it mean to live and die by faith?

**TAKE IT HOME**

What is one truth you can apply from Genesis this week?