

SERMON GUIDE

SATISFACTION IN LIFE

Genesis 48:1-20 | Pastor Tim Porter

December 4, 2022

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SERMON NOTES

Five horizontal lines for sermon notes.

Multiple horizontal lines for additional notes or reflections.

OUR MISSION is to make more and better disciples of Jesus Christ.

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE

Col. 3: 20-21 (Family Life) Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged.

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Conversation Questions

The Conversation Guide is a great tool for individuals, families, discipleship groups and Missional Communities to take a deeper, more personal dive into the content of the current sermon series. The Conversation Guide will be posted by every Friday on the 'live' page of our website and in our weekly newsletter. We encourage you to use it this week on your own, around your dinner tables, over coffee with your friends or in your faith groups!

The Conversation Guide is built on the SOAP model, which is a tool you can use when reading the Bible. SOAP helps you be intentional about paying attention to:

- Scripture that stands out to you while you read
- Observations you are making about a passage
- Applications that connect the verses to your real life and relationships
- Prayer that invites God to participate in all that you do

Getting to Know Me: Did your family have any traditions for acknowledging special occasions in life that were particularly meaningful to you? Share about them.

Notes About the Passage: This is a story about a blessing. In the story, the ceremonies progress in a legal fashion, including distinct ritual gestures. So the blessing in this context is both a legal ceremony (akin to the reading of a will, or an adoption today), and a religious ceremony where a parent passes along their hope for a child's future blessing by God.

In this context, it was customary for the primary blessing to be given to the oldest son (Manasseh). Jacob doesn't follow this custom. Ephraim's tribe grew to become a significant tribe in Israel, in fact, the northern ten tribes of Israel were sometimes simply called "Ephraim".

Read Genesis 48:1-20

S: What verses, phrases, words, or feelings stand out to you as you read this text? Is anything "illuminated," surprising, or jumping off the page and affecting your spirit?

O: Jacob has lived a long life and struggled to trust God. Take some time to make a note of everything Jacob says about God in this story.

What names does Jacob assign to God?

What does he say God has done for him?

What do you think this reveals about Jacob's faith at the end of his life?

O: What do you observe about Jacob's desires for future generations of his family?

A: If God had written this passage just for you, what words, phrases or ideas would he have underlined specifically for you? What did you need to hear most? Why?

A: How can you become a part of God's purpose to bless the world around you? What kind of spiritual legacy are you leaving for others today?

A: Is there a specific person in your life that needs to hear a word of blessing from you this week? How are you going to do that and when?

P: Talk to God about your application responses above. Ask him to speak to you, help you, forgive you, and provide the direction that you need.