

# SERMON NOTES

*Life's Ultimate Challenge*  
*Genesis 49:28-33; 50:1-14, 22-26*

There are few greater challenges than when one is faced with the challenge that comes from our own physical mortality. How do we face the ultimate challenge in life, the challenge of death? We have been studying the life of Joseph and how God's Word teaches us to live above the rest when facing life's great challenges. In the closing two chapters of the book of Genesis, we learn from both Jacob and Joseph powerful truths that help us to overcome life's ultimate challenge. Both men faced death with great faith. Both men helped their families face the reality of death.

**Whether you are dealing with the loss of a loved one, a dear friend, or your own mortality, God's Word brings comfort and assurance that you can face life's ultimate challenge with grace and peace. "The last enemy that will be abolished is death." (1 Corinthians 15:26)**

"...but has now been revealed by the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who has abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel." (2 Timothy 1:10)

## PREPARING FOR LIFE'S ULTIMATE CHALLENGE!

*Genesis 49:28-33; 50:24*

- The importance of informing
- The importance of blessing
- The importance of planning

## GRIEVING AS A PART OF LIFE'S ULTIMATE CHALLENGE!

*Genesis 50:1-3, 10-11*

- The pain of grief
- The process of grief
- The power over grief – faith in God  
*Micah 7:8; 1 Thessalonians 4:14; Philippians 1:21*

## OVERCOMING LIFE'S ULTIMATE CHALLENGE!

*Genesis 50:25; Joshua 24:32; Hebrew 11:22*

- Conviction about the plan of God
- Confidence in the promise of God

**Everyone must learn how to cope with life's final challenge, the challenge of death. Some see death as the end, but the believer sees death in terms of eternity. Some see death as cruel and cold; the Christian sees death with hope and heaven in mind. (1 Corinthians 15:51-58)**