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# Faithing the Future with Bold Character

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Today's Scripture: Genesis 49:22-25a

## YOU MUST CHOOSE CONSISTENCY BETWEEN YOUR WALK AND YOUR WAYS

- Jacob had the opportunity to see Joseph consistently going about his business, and saw the evidence of Godly character
- Wherever Joseph found himself and whatever was going on around him, people took note of his personal integrity
- God calls us to follow Joseph's example
  - We are to know who we are and Whose we are
  - We are to choose to live a consistent Christian witness
  - Our character should reveal no conflict between our words and our ways

## YOU MUST DISPLAY UNITY BETWEEN YOUR PUBLIC SELF AND YOUR PRIVATE SELF

- Joseph made a decision. The way he acted in private would be consistent with who he claimed to be in public
- If we are going to be people of Godly integrity, there cannot be a division between who we are and who people think we are
- "Success is when those who know me best love and respect me the most"

## YOU MUST REVEAL YOUR CHARACTER THROUGH YOUR FAITH AND YOUR PRACTICE

- When Jacob blessed Joseph, he made it clear how critical Joseph's relationship with the Lord would be.
  - *"By the hands of the Mighty God of Jacob (from there is the Shepherd, the stone of Israel.)"*
  - *"By the God of your father Who will help you."*

- *“By the Almighty who will bless you.”*
- Psalm 49:24-25
- The quality of your Christian character is always revealed by how your faith transforms your life
- Each of us needs to know that we are who we are because of Jesus
- Who we are in Jesus should determine how we live in the world
- To live your life with Godly character means that you are willing to regularly ask yourself three questions
  - Am I doing what God expects?
  - Am I doing what I respect?
  - Am I doing what I would have others reflect

## **FAITH THE FUTURE BY CHOOSING TO BE A PERSON OF HOPE**

- *“Why are you cast down, O my soul? And why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God, for I shall yet praise Him for the help of His countenance.” Psalm 42:5*
- The Psalmist made a basic choice: “I will.”
- *“The Lord will command His lovingkindness in the daytime, and in the night His son shall be with me – a prayer to the God of my life.” V.8*
- God’s recipe for Renewal
  - Believe in God’s Love
  - Trust His plan.
  - Be grateful for His goodness.
  - See His hand at work all around you.