

Genesis: Back to Authenticity
Finishing Well
Genesis 46:1-30

A Jewish proverb says, “For the unlearned, old age is winter; for the learned, it is the season of harvest.” Moses tells us in Psalm 90:12, “So teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.” How we view life now—our priorities, our purpose, our plans—will determine how we view life in old age. Will our closing years bring winter with its cold and storms, or an autumn with the warm sunshine of peace and the prosperity of God’s gracious harvest?

1. God assures us through our changes from Him.
2. God enables us through our obedience to Him.
3. God reunites us through our faith in Him.

We might be tempted to think that we missed the chance to finish well. The reality is that it does not matter the way we were. What matters is the way we are. No amount of solid family ties, as important as they are in this life, will fit us for heaven. The tie that binds us to the kingdom can only be found in Christ. We can be thankful for the memories that keep us young, but when those memories begin to fade, what we really need is the deep assurance that we are His.