

Every Day with Jesus
God's People
Genesis 43 – Exodus 6

Let me tell you what I wished I'd known, when I was young and dreamed of glory. You have no control. Who lives, who dies, who tells your story. . . . But when you're gone, who remembers your name? Who keeps your flame? Who tells your story? (Hamilton, the Broadway Musical)

We may not be able to control who tells our story, but we can live in such a way that our story is worth telling. What will those closest to us say about us? Can we live in such a way that even those who disagreed with us, if they were being honest with themselves, would find our character above reproach even while being adamantly opposed to our ideas? Can we live in such a way that those closest to us would have something to emulate as they continued their life's journey?

1. God's people will be reproached.
2. God's people will be remembered.
3. God's people will be reluctant.

Who lives, who dies, who tells your story? There is a line near the end of that song in Hamilton that says, *"And when my time is up, have I done enough? Will they tell my story?"* It is noble to want to end life having done enough, but the most important part of our legacy would be to live with the knowledge that Christ has done enough. Will the story they tell be all about you? Or will the story they tell be about the Christ who is in you?

Reflection

Is our service willing or reluctant? Is it motivated by pride and ego or humility and Spirit? Do we believe that God will equip us for the tasks to which we are called? How does God set us up for success? What tools does He give us and what confidence does He instill in us? How do we overcome doubt about our giftedness or our service? Do you think it was wise for Moses to press God for some other representative? How can we spiritualize our reluctance and rationalize our rejection of God's call to serve?