**God's Blueprint (Part 3)
God Meant it for Good- A study of the life of Joseph- (Part 16)**
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**Genesis 46:26-47:1-12 (ESV)**

**Drawn up in God’s blueprint for our lives is:**

**1) Peace through restored and reconciled relationships.**

Genesis 46:26-30 ESV All the persons belonging to Jacob who came into Egypt, who were his own descendants, not including Jacob's sons' wives, were sixty-six persons in all. (27) And the sons of Joseph, who were born to him in Egypt, were two. All the persons of the house of Jacob who came into Egypt were seventy. (28) He had sent Judah ahead of him to Joseph to show the way before him in Goshen, and they came into the land of Goshen. (29) Then Joseph prepared his chariot and went up to meet Israel his father in Goshen. He presented himself to him and fell on his neck and wept on his neck a good while. (30) Israel said to Joseph, "Now let me die, since I have seen your face and know that you are still alive."

**2) Protection in our journey beyond our understanding.**

Genesis 46:31-34 ESV Joseph said to his brothers and to his father's household, "I will go up and tell Pharaoh and will say to him, 'My brothers and my father's household, who were in the land of Canaan, have come to me. (32) And the men are shepherds, for they have been keepers of livestock, and they have brought their flocks and their herds and all that they have.' (33) When Pharaoh calls you and says, 'What is your occupation?' (34) you shall say, 'Your servants have been keepers of livestock from our youth even until now, both we and our fathers,' in order that you may dwell in the land of Goshen, for every shepherd is an abomination to the Egyptians."

**3) Provision through His benevolence and our hard labor.**

Genesis 47:1-6 ESV So Joseph went in and told Pharaoh, "My father and my brothers, with their flocks and herds and all that they possess, have come from the land of Canaan. They are now in the land of Goshen." (2) And from among his brothers he took five men and presented them to Pharaoh. (3) Pharaoh said to his brothers, "What is your occupation?" And they said to Pharaoh, "Your servants are shepherds, as our fathers were." (4) They said to Pharaoh, "We have come to sojourn in the land, for there is no pasture for your servants' flocks, for the famine is severe in the land of Canaan. And now, please let your servants dwell in the land of Goshen." (5) Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Your father and your brothers have come to you. (6) The land of Egypt is before you. Settle your father and your brothers in the best of the land. Let them settle in the land of Goshen, and if you know any able men among them, put them in charge of my livestock."

**3) Promises being fulfilled.**

Genesis 47:7-12 ESV Then Joseph brought in Jacob his father and stood him before Pharaoh, and Jacob blessed Pharaoh. (8) And Pharaoh said to Jacob, "How many are the days of the years of your life?" (9) And Jacob said to Pharaoh, "The days of the years of my sojourning are 130 years. Few and evil have been the days of the years of my life, and they have not attained to the days of the years of the life of my fathers in the days of their sojourning." (10) And Jacob blessed Pharaoh and went out from the presence of Pharaoh. (11) Then Joseph settled his father and his brothers and gave them a possession in the land of Egypt, in the best of the land, in the land of Rameses, as Pharaoh had commanded. (12) And Joseph provided his father, his brothers, and all his father's household with food, according to the number of their dependents.

**A word about honoring our aging parents:**

1. **Joseph’s pride for his father is evident in his presentation.**

Genesis 47:7 ESV Then Joseph brought in Jacob his father and stood him before Pharaoh, and Jacob blessed Pharaoh.

1. **Joseph’s placement of his father in Goshen was personal.**

Genesis 47:11 ESV Then Joseph settled his father and his brothers and gave them a possession in the land of Egypt, in the best of the land, in the land of Rameses, as Pharaoh had commanded.

1. **Joseph’s provision for his father came without asking**

Genesis 47:12 ESV And Joseph provided his father, his brothers, and all his father's household with food, according to the number of their dependents.