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The Final Words of Jacob

Genesis 48:8-16

Jacob's Observations About His Life:

- I'm a _____ here

- It's been _____

Jacob's Observations About God:

- God's promises are bigger than _____

- God has always _____ me

- God's _____ is my hope

- God has _____ more than I deserve

Connection Card Next Steps –

***Step 1 – By Thanksgiving weekend, I will tell** someone in my family a story of God's faithfulness in my life.

***Step 2 – I will honestly examine** where I should change my lifestyle to focus on God's priorities more than this world's priorities.

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- Why do you think God arranged for Jacob's family to wind up in Egypt, which led to 400 years of slavery? Read Ps. 105:43-45 and Acts 7:6-7 for insight about God's purpose in this. What situations in your life seem similar to their time of slavery and the eventual heart change it caused?

- What is one big life lesson you remember learning from a relative or friend who has now passed away?

- What is your best opportunity to have meaningful conversations with your kids, grandkids or anyone else you get to mentor? What's one story you could tell them about God's faithfulness in your life?

- As Jacob blesses Joseph in 49:24-25, he uses five different names for God. Which of these aspects of God's character means the most to you right now?

    - The Mighty One of Jacob
    - The Shepherd
    - The Stone of Israel
    - The God of your father
    - The Almighty