

Message Notes & Thoughts

Passage: **Genesis 49**

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Message Outline ...

Genesis 49

Choices: Blessing and Burden

My choices influence those around me and my choices influence those that follow me.

- My choices can burden others (vs. 1-7)
 - James 3:16
 - Simeon and Levi were rebellious and reckless.
 - 2 Tim 3:1-9
- My choices can bless others
 - Joseph was a fruitful tree by...
 - Depending on his Father
 - Making blessing others the priority of his life.
- His choice (grace) can redeem my life (vs. 8-12)
 - Revelation 5:1-5

Questions for Growth ...

Re-read Genesis chapter 49

◆ How were Joseph and Judah blessed over the other brothers?

◆ Why would Jacob “curse” some of his children not others? In our families, is it easy to show preference to one child over another? Why?

Questions for Growth continued...

◆ For what actions did Judah receive a blessing? How should we bless others for their good conduct? Ask the same question regarding Joseph.

◆ What part of Joseph's blessing would you like said about you? Why?

◆ God tells His followers that they need not fear death. Look up the following verses and write them out: Psa. 49:15; John 10:28; John 11:25; John 14:1-4; I Cor. 15:54-57; Phil. 1:21; and Rev. 21:4. Which one brings you the most hope?

◆ From this message, what stood out to you as being the most important lesson?

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