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Series Title: BY FAITH: JACOB
Key Scripture: HEBREWS 11:21, GENESIS 48:13-20
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The Big Picture
A life of faith depends on God's faithfulness. As we trust His strength, surrender to His ways, and remember His goodness, our response is a life of grateful worship.

Starter
What is something small that made you smile or feel grateful this past week?

Discussion:
Read the Text – Hebrews 11:21; Genesis 48:13-20.

1. In Hebrews 11:21, what 3 actions are attributed to Jacob?
2. Where do you think Jacob's faith in God comes from? (Gen. 48:15)?
3. According to Genesis 48:13–14, what unusual thing did Jacob do when blessing Joseph's sons, and what reasons did he give for his decision (Gen. 48:19–20)?
4. What do you think is symbolic about Jacob's posture while he worshipped (Heb. 11:21) and what phrases stand out in Jacob's description of God (Genesis 48:15–16)?
5. What idea about God's character is repeated throughout the passage?

Diving Deeper:

1. What do Jacob's words to his grandchildren reveal about his understanding of God's faithfulness over his lifetime?

2. Is it possible to walk in faith without being obedient? Give reasons for your response.
3. How can we get better in depending on God's strength rather than our own?
4. How does remembering God's past faithfulness help strengthen our faith?
5. What is a practical way to respond when God's way contradicts our expectations?

Personal Reflection

Is there any area of your life where you need to stop depending on your own understanding or strength and say "Yes" to God in complete obedience and faith?