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Series Title: By Faith: Joseph
Key Scripture: Hebrews 11:22; Genesis 50:22-26
Recorded Sermon: www.woodvale.ca/pastservices/v/by-faith-series-part-4-joseph
Date + Speaker: July 19, 2026; Pastor Joe Nyenhuis

Starter: What's one saying, tradition, or piece of advice that has been passed down in your family or community?

Discussion:

1. Pastor Joe says paying attention to repeated stories tells us where we come from, and what our family stands for. What are the repeated stories of our life as God's family that point to who we are, and what our family is about?

2. How does our perspective change when we recall that God has a special place in His grand plan for us with our history and our roots?

3. Joseph mentions God's oath to the three ancestors and directs the next generation's hope toward God ("God will surely visit you") in his declaration to the Israelites (Genesis 50:24). How do links to older generations of believers strengthen the faith of younger generations? What can we do now to pass on faith and hope to the next generation and the people around us?

4. Why, of all the events in Joseph's life, is his deathbed declaration and a scene that ends with him in a coffin in Egypt highlighted as the thing that puts Joseph in the hall of faith? How do we relate that hope to the hope of Christ in a tomb on Good Friday.
   Hint: Even when it looks like it's the end, we must hope in God's faithfulness. II Cor 4:17

5. Pastor Joe calls us to look beyond the present to God's future, following Joseph's example of his instructions concerning his bones. How do we reconcile this with "take no thoughts for the morrow" in Matthew 6:34?

6. Joseph had lived in Egypt for a long time and was a prominent person there. What does his request to be carried out of Egypt reveal about where he believed his true home was?

7. Faith can influence our communities long after we are gone. How does Joseph's coffin remaining in Egypt (Gen. 50:26) for years influence the Israelites long after he was gone?

8. Joseph believed God for a promise he was certain he would not see in his own lifetime. Hebrews 11:22 says Joseph "made mention of the exodus" by faith. What does this teach us about holding promises of God that we are not certain may materialize in our lifetime? See Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob too. What is this confidence anchored in
   Hint: God's character, sovereignty, faithfulness, transcendence of time and space as we know it.