



## SERMON NOTES

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Scripture: Hebrews 11:20-22 (NAS)

Topic: "Finishing Strong"

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- 20 By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau, even regarding things to come.  
21 By faith Jacob, as he was dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, and worshiped, leaning on the top of his staff.  
22 By faith Joseph, when he was dying, made mention of the exodus of the sons of Israel, and gave orders concerning his bones.

### IV. JOSEPH'S EXAMPLE

- A. He Lived A Life Of Faith
- B. The Author Points To His Dying Faith *Luke 9:25*
- C. He Looked To The Future Promise *Psalm 23:4*

### I. THE END GAME

- A. A Triad Of Men Who Finished Well
- B. They Finished In Faith *Philippians 1:6*

### II. ISAAC'S EXAMPLE

- A. Sorting Through The Events
- B. Focus Of Faith Was Knowing God Would Keep His Promise  
*Genesis 27:33; 28:3-4*
- C. God Was Working Out His Plan *Romans 9:10-13; Rev. 5:9; 1 Cor. 15:58*

### III. JACOB'S EXAMPLE

- A. Jacob's Blessing Of Joseph's Sons Affirms His Faith
- B. Take Away
  - 1. God's ways differ from man's ways *Isaiah 55:9*
    - a. In salvation
    - b. In distribution of gifts
  - 2. Parents (grandparents) should seek God's blessing for their children