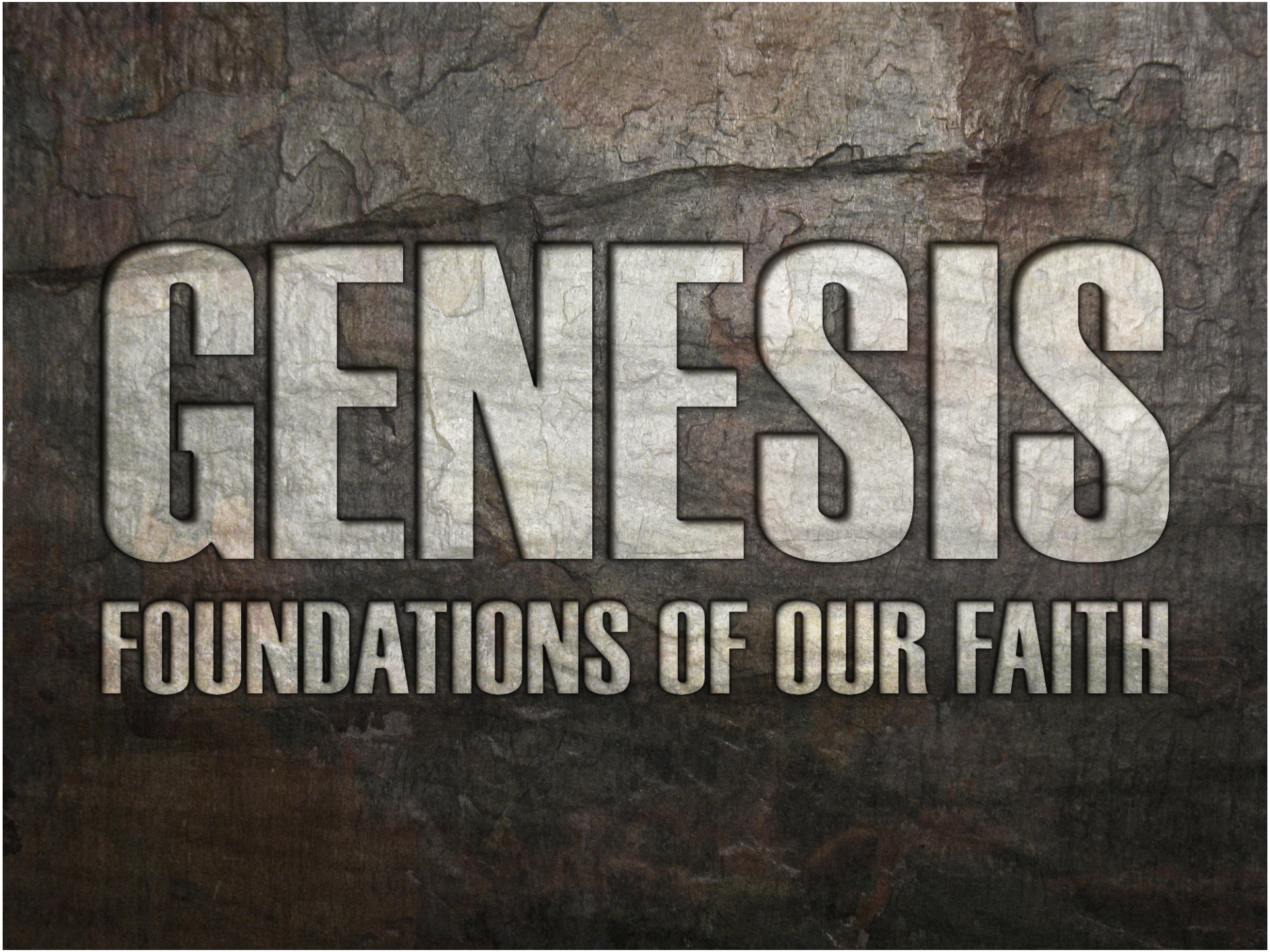
GENESIS
FOUNDATIONS OF OUR FAITH

GENESIS 48

Jacob Blesses the Sons of Joseph

Jacob doubly blesses Joseph in his sons

- v1-4: The Covenant God blesses Jacob (Gen. 28:10-22; 35:6-15)

- v5-16: Jacob doubly blesses Joseph in his sons with the Abrahamic Covenant blessing he has experienced as ISRAEL (Gen. 32:24-30)

- v17-22: Spiritual Eyes to See (2Cor. 4:16-18)

-- There is HOPE in Sanctification --

Blessings and Cursings in Genesis

- God blesses Mankind (1:28; 5:1-2)
- God curses the Serpent (3:14)
- Adam and Eve cursed for their sin (3:16-19)
- God curses Cain (4:9-12)
- Noah curses Canaan (9:25)
- Noah blesses Shem and Japheth (9:26-27)
- Abrahamic Covenant blessing (12:1-3)
- God blesses Sarah (17:15-17)
- God blesses Isaac (17:19-21; 22:15-18; 26:2-5)
- Isaac blesses Jacob (27:27-30; 28:1-5)
- God blesses Jacob (28:10-16; 32:24-29; 35:9-12)
- Laban blessed in Jacob (30:27)
- Potiphar blessed on account of Joseph (39:1-5)
- Jacob blesses Pharaoh (47:7)
- Jacob doubly blesses Joseph in his sons (48)
- Jacob blesses his sons (49)

Blessings in Scripture

- Covenant Blessing and Cursing (Deut. 30:19)
- The Blessing of the just and the Curse of the wicked (Prov. 3:33)
- Jesus came to bless the Covenant people through Reconciliation (Acts 3:25-26)
- The Covenant blessing is sweet fellowship in Jesus (1Cor. 10:16-17)
- God blessed us with every spiritual blessing IN CHRIST (Eph. 1:3)

Patriarchal Blessing
Covenantal, Contextual, Prophetic

- NOAHIC Blessing of his sons (Gen. 9:1-3)
- ISAAC Blessing of Jacob (Gen. 27:27-30; 28:1-5)
- JACOB Blessing of Joseph's sons (Gen. 48)
- JACOB Blessing of his sons (Gen. 49)
- MOSES Blessing the tribes of Israel (Deut. 33)
- PAUL's Blessing of the Ephesian elders (Acts 20:17-32)

The Last Shall be First

- Abel over Cain / Faith over Works of Flesh (Heb. 11:4)
- Isaac over Ishmael / Promise over Law (Gal. 4:21-31)
- Jacob over Esau / Calling over Convention (Rom. 9:6-13)
- Joseph over his brothers / Separated for God (Gen 49:26)
- Ephraim over Manasseh / Fruitfulness unto God (Gen. 41:52)
- David over his brothers / Inner man over Outer man (1Sam. 16:7)
- Spiritual over Fleshly (1Cor. 15:46-49)
- Last Adam over the First Adam (1Cor. 15:45-47)

Sanctification: From Supplanter to Saint

- Right MISSION … Wrong METHOD (Gen. 32:24-30)
- Freedom to Do … Never to Do EVIL
  (Gen. 27; Gal. 5:13)
- Manage … Don't Manipulate (Gen. 25:29-34)
- Don't Despise Discipline
  (Gen. 29-31; Heb. 12:5-12)
- God is FAITHFUL in Times of TESTING
  (Gen. 31:4-9; 1Cor. 10:13)
- Brokenness YES! Hopelessness NO!
  (Gen. 37:31-35; Phil. 3:13-14)

SANCTIFICATION involves Free Willed Moral Agents Choosing to submit to the Sovereign Choices of God (1Thess. 4:3-7)

Be a Blessing

- Bringing the blessing of Christ to others (Rom. 15:29)
- BLESS as Kingdom Ambassadors – Messengers of Reconciliation (2Cor. 5:17-20)
- BLESS as Kingdom Priests – Offering up Saved Souls to God (Rom. 15:16; 2Cor. 2:14-16)
- BLESS as Spiritual Mentors (Gal. 6:1)
- BLESS as Empathetic Counselors (2Cor. 1:3-4)
- BLESS as a Refresher of the brethren (Phm. 1:8-20)