

# Rise & Build:

## Reflections from the Joseph Story

### Carrying the Bones

The book of Genesis begins with God creating life. It ends with a "coffin in Egypt" (Gen 50:26). That coffin contained Joseph. As he was dying, he wanted to be buried in the land of promise (50:24-25). His body was embalmed and would have been given a national funeral because of his position (41:38-44).



#### Some Bible Math:

- Joseph was 17 years old when he was taken to Egypt. He died at the age of 110. He spent \_\_\_\_\_ years in Egypt.
  - His heart remained with the people of God
- After Joseph died, there arose other leaders in Egypt (Ex 1:8-9). The children of God were oppressed for \_\_\_\_\_ years (Acts 7:6). With Moses they wandered 40 years in the wilderness. It is at the end of Joshua that Joseph is finally buried (Josh 24:32). This journey has taken more than \_\_\_\_\_ years.
  - they carried the bones as they walked through the Red Sea
  - they carried the bones as they walked through the parted Jordan River
  - generations passed and the bones were still being carried



**A. For years Israel carried a great example of \_\_\_\_\_ (Heb 11:21-22)**  
Israel never saw the example that was among them (1 Cor 10:1-11)

**B. For years Israel carried the bones of Joseph, but not his \_\_\_\_\_ (Gen 45:4)**  
Gen 50:15, 21

**C. For years they carried Joseph but not his \_\_\_\_\_ of God (Gen 45:5,7,9)**  
- Deut 1:26,27, 31-32

**D. For years they carried a great \_\_\_\_\_ of God (Gen 50:24)**  
- two promises: God will \_\_\_\_\_ of you & God will \_\_\_\_\_ you to the land He promises  
- that coffin should have served as an \_\_\_\_\_ Point

**E. For years they carried a resident of \_\_\_\_\_**  
(Heb 11:32-40, 13, 12:1) Heb 3:14-19 They carried a believer

- What danger is there when "our bones" become tradition?
- What would be an example of "carrying bones" today?

