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Series: By Faith, Whatever

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By Faith, or Not
Hebrews 11:20-22

♦ The Faith of Isaac and Jacob in Hebrews

◊ These are those who "died in faith."

◊ They never realized the promises, but blessed while dying.

♦ The "Rest of the Story" in Genesis

◊ Isaac thought he was blessing Esau, when he blessed Jacob. He loved his stomach.

◊ When Jacob blessed his sons, he blessed the TWO sons of Joseph.

Double blessing. He favored Joseph.

♦ The Takeaways for Our Faith

◊ The faithfulness of God is GREATER than the faithlessness of people.

◊ Our faith allows us to connect to God's work.

♦ The Faith of Joseph in Hebrews and Genesis

◊ Joseph lived and died by faith.

- "How could I sin against God?" *Genesis 39:9*
- "It is not in me, God will..." *Genesis 41:16*
- "You meant evil against me, but God meant it for good." *Genesis 50:20*
- "You shall carry my bones up from here." *Genesis 50:25*

◊ Joseph was willing to accept that God had chosen to use him in unique ways.