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# Jacob's Family Secrets

Genesis 34:30 & 47:9

<sup>30</sup> Then Jacob said to Simeon and Levi, “You have brought trouble on me by making me odious among the inhabitants of the land, among the Canaanites and the Perizzites; and my men being few in number, they will gather together against me and attack me and I will be destroyed, I and my household.”

<sup>9</sup> So Jacob said to Pharaoh, “The years of my sojourning are one hundred and thirty; few and unpleasant have been the years of my life, nor have they attained the years that my fathers lived during the days of their sojourning.”

**Focal Truth:**

Jacob trusted God yet was deeply grieved by the sins of his children.

# Observations:

1. Jacob by faith experienced God's promised blessings. – Gen. 28:15
2. Jacob by faith experienced personal loss even with God's blessing. – Gen. 35:19
3. Jacob by faith lived in grief because of the painful and sinful acts of his children. – Gen.34:2

# Things to Remember and Do:

1. Every child is a sinner who must be saved by the grace of God.
2. God gives endurance to parents in their grief over their children. – Heb. 10:36
3. Trust God when your children live in sin!
4. Wait on God to do His work in their life!
5. Godly parents let your light shine so that your children will see your good works and glorify God!



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