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Genesis 48:5

⁵ Now your two sons, who were born to you in the land of Egypt before I came to you in Egypt, are mine; Ephraim and Manasseh shall be mine, as Reuben and Simeon are.

Focal Truth:

Jacob lovingly adopted Joseph's sons in Egypt.

Observations:

1. Jacob lovingly accepted Joseph's sons as his own sons. – Gen. 48:5
2. Jacob blessed Joseph's sons as his own sons. – Gen. 48:8-9
3. Joseph's sons of exile became the promised sons of blessing. – Gen. 48:15-16

Things to Remember and Do:

1. Jacob's adoption of Joseph's sons was a prophetic blessing for the nation Israel.
2. Adoption extends the family blessing to those who need a family – pray about adopting a child.
3. Adopted children are accepted, loved and blessed by the families who adopt them!
4. Believers are adopted children of God – accepted, loved and blessed by God.



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