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Acts 18 27 When Apollos resolved to cross over to Achaia, the brothers encouraged him and wrote to the disciples there to welcome him. On his arrival, he greatly aided those who by grace had believed. 28 For he powerfully refuted the Jews in public debate, proving from the Scriptures that Jesus is the Christ.

John 5 **39 You pore over the Scriptures because** you presume that by them you possess eternal life. These are the very words that testify about Me, 40 yet you refuse to come to Me to have life.

#### **Joseph as a Type/Foreshadow of Christ**

Was a shepherd. Loved by his father. His father sent him to his brothers. Hated by his brothers. **Prophesied his coming glory. Sentenced** to the pit. Condemned to the pit, though a leader knew his innocence. Sold for pieces of silver. Handed over to the Gentiles. **Regarded as dead but raised out of the pit.** Went to Egypt.

#### **Joseph as a Type/Foreshadow of Christ**

**Became a servant. Tempted severely but did not sin.** Falsely accused. Cast into prison and numbered with sinners and criminals. Associated with two other criminals; one was pardoned, and one was not. Shown to have divine wisdom. **Recognized** as having the Spirit of God. **Betrayed by friends. Glorified after his humility.** 

#### Joseph as a Type/Foreshadow of Christ

Honored among Gentiles while still despised or forgotten by his brethren. Given a Gentile bride. Was 30 years old when he began his life's work. Became the only source of bread for the world. Was given the name "God Speaks and He Lives." He was unrecognized by His brothers. He was recognized by brothers on his second appearance. He prepared a place for his brothers, and he received them into it. He brought Jew and Gentile together in the land.

Genesis 46 1 So Israel set out with all that he had, and when he came to Beersheba, he offered sacrifices to the God of his father Isaac. 2 And that night God spoke to Israel in a vision: "Jacob, Jacob!" He said. "Here I am," replied Jacob.

#### The Three Components of Faith

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#### **Know Truth**

# BeliefTrustBelieve TruthObey Truth

**Genesis 47** 27 Now the Israelites settled in the land of Egypt, in the region of Goshen. They acquired property there and became fruitful and increased greatly in number. 28 And Jacob lived in the land of Egypt seventeen years, and the length of his life was 147 years. 29 When the time drew near for Israel to die, he called his son Joseph and said,

**Genesis 47** "If I have found favor in your eyes, put your hand under my thigh and promise to show me kindness and faithfulness. Do not bury me in Egypt, 30 but when I lie down with my fathers, carry me out of Egypt and bury me with them." Joseph answered, "I will do as you have requested." 31"Swear to me," Jacob said. So Joseph swore to him, and Israel bowed in worship at the head of his bed.

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**Genesis** 49 29 Then Jacob instructed them, "I am about to be gathered to my people. Bury me with my fathers in the cave in the field of Ephron the Hittite. 30 The cave is in the field of Machpelah near Mamre, in the land of Canaan. This is the field Abraham purchased from Ephron the Hittite as a burial site.

**Genesis 49** 31 There Abraham and his wife Sarah are buried, there Isaac and his wife Rebekah are buried, and there I buried Leah. 32 The field and the cave that is in it were purchased from the Hittites." 33 When Jacob had finished instructing his sons, he pulled his feet into the bed and breathed his last, and he was gathered to his people.

Hebrews 11

8 By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, without knowing where he was going. 9 By faith he dwelt in the promised land as a stranger in a foreign country. He lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. 10 For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

Hebrews 11 13 All these people died in faith, without having received the things they were promised. However, they saw them and welcomed them from afar. And they acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth.

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14 Now those who say such things show that they are seeking a country of their own. 15 If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. 16 Instead, they were longing for a better country, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a city for them.

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**Romans 8** 22 We know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until the present time. 23 Not only that, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. 24 For in this hope we were saved; but hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what he can already see? 25 But if we hope for what we do not yet see, we wait for it patiently.

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