

NOTES:

RESOLUTION OPTIONS

1. I will take my children to visit the graves of their deceased relatives.
2. I will discuss with my wife where we would like to be buried and will update my will to include these wishes.
3. I will purchase a cemetery plot and create an account to pay for the burial costs for my wife and I.
4. I will update my living will and will make arrangements for my funeral mass.
5. I will schedule a feast on All-Souls day with my siblings. We will celebrate the feast by bringing pictures of deceased relatives and sharing stories about them.
6. I will examine any areas of my relationship with my siblings that I need to facilitate forgiveness.
7. I will discuss with my wife who we would prefer to care for our children if we were to both pass away. I will speak with a lawyer and update my living-will to reflect our decision.
8. I will write a letter to my children to give them consolation following my death. I will leave instructions for the letter to be opened after my death.

MY RESOLUTION

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BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES FOR FATHERLY LEADERSHIP



“... BURY ME WITH MY FATHERS...”

- JACOB

OPENING PRAYER

PSALM 23

LAST YEARS OF THE PATRIARCHS

GENESIS 49:28 - 50:26

RESOLUTIONS

PRAYER PARTNERS

PSALM 23

- ¹ The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want;
- ² He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;
- ³ He restores my soul.
He leads me in paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.
- ⁴ Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I fear no evil; for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- ⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
You anoint my head with oil, my cup overflows.
- ⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life;
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

LAST YEARS OF THE PATRIARCHS

GENESIS 49:28 – 50:26

1. After blessing each of his sons, Jacob says, “I am to be gathered to my people” and requests to be physically buried among his ancestors. Why might location be a priority for Jacob’s burial? How is burial location a priority for your family’s ancestors? How is location a priority for your own burial?
2. Both Jacob and Joseph make requests at the end of their lives. What end-of-life issues have you faced in your family? What end-of-life arrangements have you made for you and your spouse?
3. Of what customs are you aware for commemorating the dead? How did your parents commemorate the dead? How does your family commemorate the dead?
4. Upon the death of Jacob, sibling fears and divisions resurface. How does Joseph resolve them? How probable is it that sibling divisions might resurface upon the death of one of your parents? How might they be anticipated and resolved?
5. Genesis 50:17 is the first biblical occurrence of the word “Forgive.” What is the significance of its occurrence? How is it requested? How is it responded to?
6. How would Joseph’s last words be a consolation to Israel after his death? How would Joseph’s words be a consolation at the beginning of Exodus?