



Weekly Parent Update- Week of June 23rd

News to Know

1) MissionFuge: Mobile

We had an incredible week at MFuge! Thank you so much for all your prayers and support. God moved in powerful ways, and I'm excited to see how the impact of this week continues to bear fruit in the lives of our students in the days ahead.

2) Biscuits Game

We are going to a Biscuits game this Saturday. The cost for a ticket is \$10. If you forgot to sign up please do so today. You can [sign up here](#).

3) Refuge Wednesday

This Wednesday in The Harbor at 6:30. We'll talk about Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph from Hebrews 11.

4) Sunday Morning Small Groups

We have great small groups every week. Our groups meet at 9:45 in Grace Cottage or at 11:00 in Building B.

Refuge this Week

This week, we'll continue our series on Hebrews 11 by looking at verses 20–22. After highlighting the faith of Abraham, these three verses shift focus to the next three patriarchs: Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph. What's striking is that the author doesn't mention their greatest accomplishments or their most dramatic moments. Instead, he highlights how they ended their lives. Books have been written about the powerful events in their stories, yet the "Hall of Faith" only notes what they did at the end. These men didn't live to see the fulfillment of God's promises, but they died in faith, trusting that God would keep His word. From their final moments, we learn three truths about faith:

First, you don't need to earn what faith receives. When Isaac prepared to give the family blessing, he intended to bless Esau. But through deception, Jacob received it instead. Yet Isaac didn't try to reverse the blessing or "fix" what happened. Instead, he trusted that God's promise would stand, and it did. Here's the twist: before any of this, God had already chosen Jacob to inherit the promise. Jacob's scheming wasn't necessary. He didn't need to lie or manipulate to gain what God had already decided to give him. In the end, the blessing came by grace, not by effort. The same is true for us. We don't have to prove ourselves to be loved by God. We don't earn His favor through effort or performance. Faith receives what grace freely gives. That's why, years later, when Jacob blessed Joseph's sons, he intentionally reversed the birth order and gave the greater blessing to the younger son. He had learned something: God doesn't work through human rules, He blesses by grace.

Second, faith doesn't demand explanations, it leans. In verse 21, we see Jacob worshiping while leaning on his staff. That small

detail matters. Jacob walked with a limp because God had dislocated his hip during a nighttime wrestling match. His staff became a symbol of weakness and dependence. It was a reminder that blessing comes not through strength but through surrender. Jacob's life was full of loss, heartache, and disappointment. He faced betrayal, family dysfunction, grief, and deep personal failure. But by the end of his life, he had learned this: faith doesn't demand answers, it leans on God. Our wounds often become the very places where God meets us. We may never get the explanations we want, but if we surrender our pain to Him, He transforms it into something greater. Tragedy isn't redeemed by explanation, it's redeemed by transformation.

Finally, faith holds on when the promise feels far away. In verse 22, Joseph nears the end of his life. He's lived in Egypt for decades, second in command to Pharaoh, but his final request isn't about Egypt, it's about God's promise. Joseph asks for them to carry his bones to the Promised Land. He's saying: "I don't belong here. God made a promise to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. And I believe He will keep it. So take me with you when you go." At that point, it had been over 200 years since the original promise was made. The Israelites wouldn't leave Egypt for another 400 years. Yet Joseph believed. He trusted God's timeline even when the fulfillment felt far away. That's what faith does. Faith waits, confidently not passively. If Joseph could wait centuries for God's promise to come true, we can trust God in the in-between.

Resource of the Week

This week's resource is titled, "Spiritual Disciplines for Tired Dads." You can find it [here](#).



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