



My God Brings Me Home

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In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Gen 1:1

And after they embalmed Joseph, he was placed in a box in Egypt. Genesis 50:26

Then Joseph said to his brothers, "I am about to die. But God will surely come to your aid and take you up out of this land to the land he promised on oath to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob." And Joseph made the Israelites swear an oath and said, "God will surely come to your help, and then you must carry my bones up from this place." And after they embalmed Joseph, he was placed in a box in Egypt. Genesis 50:24-26

We want to put on our new bodies so that these dying bodies will be swallowed up by life. 2 Corinthians 5:4

By faith Abraham made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country. He lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God. Hebrews 11:8-9

By faith Joseph, when his end was near, spoke about the exodus of the Israelites from Egypt and gave instructions concerning the burial of his bones. Hebrews 11:22

All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised.

"It's not fair."



"Hey, God WANTS to bless you with prosperity, wealth, abundance, and health. You just have to believe."

About that time King Herod Agrippa began to persecute some believers in the church. He had the apostle James (John's brother) killed with a sword. Acts 12:1

They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth. People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. They were longing for a better country—a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God. Hebrews 11:13-16

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Read Hebrews 11 and talk about the faith-filled people. Specifically, look at Hebrews 11:8-23. Talk about the faith that is revealed here, especially regarding the "place" they were promised.

Abraham was promised 'the land', but he never really got it. Talk about why God would do that.

What is the significance of Genesis 50:24-26? How would you feel if you had to carry Joseph's 400 year old bones around?

Do you feel like this world is 'really home'? What about it makes you sometimes feel like you are a 'stranger' here?

How does that help you evaluate and appraise different things in this life?

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