

Intro:

Main Point of Text: Jacob faces his fears, moves forward, and enjoys his life by seeing and believing what is before him.

Sermon Point: *See Jesus is enough.*

Move 1: Your eyes of faith need to see what is right in front of you.

Jacob is afraid to believe Joseph is alive. 45:25-27. Vs. 26: heart “grew numb”: unbelief. Has had to deal with idea of Joseph being dead for more than 20 years. Vs. 27: spirit revived when he looks at the wagons.

Move 2: See that God is always with you working out His promises.

46:1-4: Jacob is afraid to leave the P.L. (vs. 3a). Had spent 20 years in exile. P.L. where his people are to live. Dad commanded not to leave (Gen. 26:2). Hesitant due to Gen. 15:13? Stops at Beersheba where father and grandfather worshipped (Gen. 21:33; 26:24-25). Southern most point of Israel. Land of no return. But Jacob has much to look at and see the promise happening: vss. 5-27 all what God says in vs. 3b. Along with: “I will be with you” (vs. 4).

Move 3: Sometimes the bad times really are over.

Vss. 28-29. Similar to how Jesus would return to the Father (John 17); compared to Gen. 22 (Father giving up His only begotten Son). Doubting Thomas: Jesus shows His wounds. Says: ... *be not faithless, but believing*. (John 20:27). Jesus draws your attention to Luke 1:1-4 and 2 Peter 1:16-19. And John 20:21. And Jesus says John 20:27 to you.

Move 4: When you can die, then you can live.

45:28 with 46:30. Jacob able to believe can now die happy. So can live happy! “Is enough”. Thus, he goes: 45:28; 46:5-6 (old, long trip). Lives 70 years! Years he'd have wasted wavering: James 1:5-7. You have enough! Luke 2:22-32 (esp. 29-30). Mt. 13:17-18. You see what the Prophets longed to: *Jesus!*

Conclusion:

See Jesus is enough.