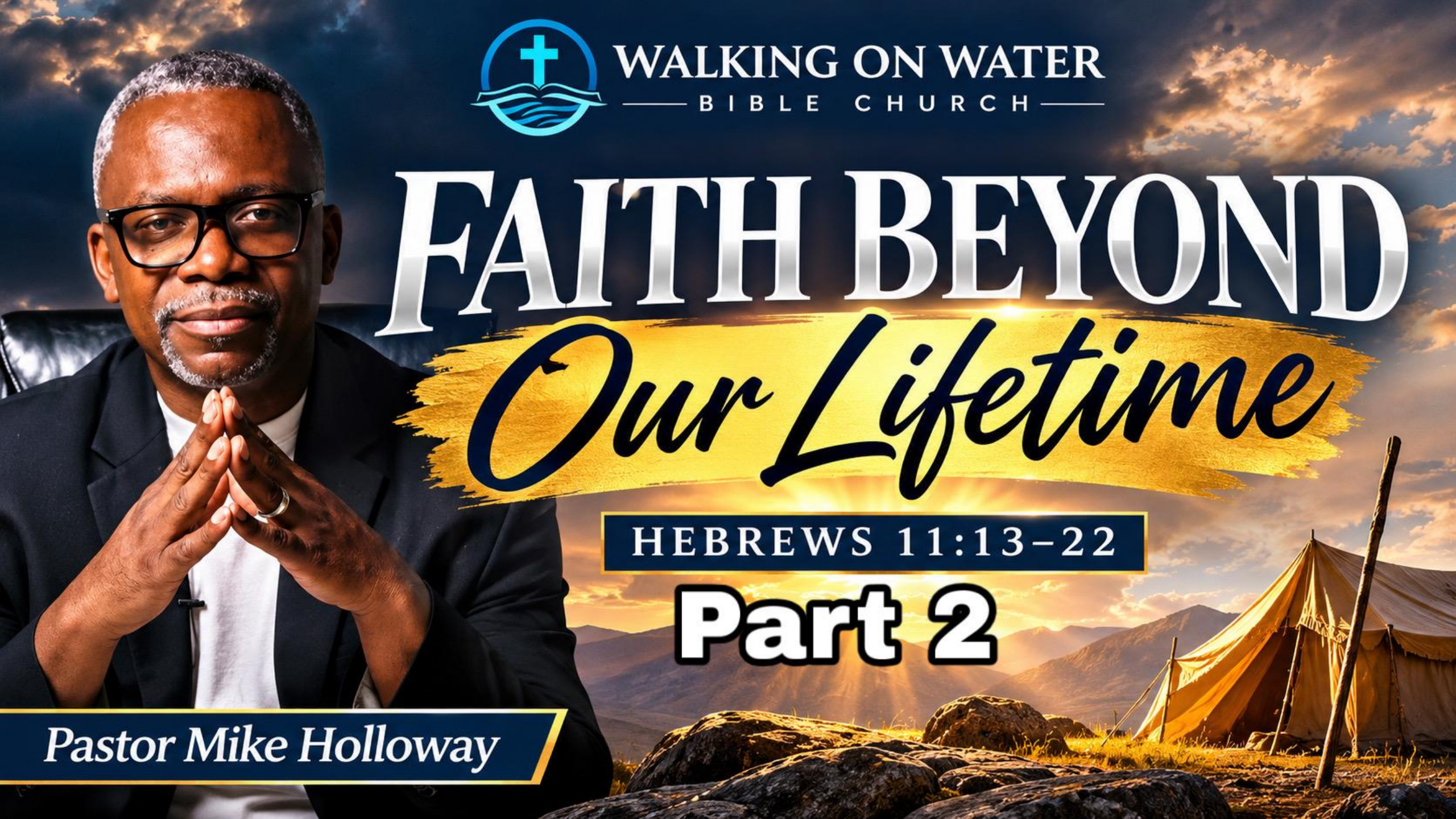

WALKING ON WATER
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FAITH BEYOND
Our Lifetime
HEBREWS 11:13–22
Part 2
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Hebrews 11:20-22

20 By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau concerning things to come.

21 By faith Jacob, when he was dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, and worshiped, leaning on the top of his staff.

22 By faith Joseph, when he was dying, made mention of the departure of the children of Israel, and gave instructions concerning his bones.

THE BLESSING OF JACOB - THE CENTRAL QUESTION

Was Isaac’s blessing fulfilled in Jacob’s lifetime, through Israel, or ultimately in Christ?

Already and Not Yet!

GENESIS 27:28-29 — NKJV

“Therefore may God give you Of the dew of heaven, Of the fatness of the earth, And plenty of grain and wine.”

“Let peoples serve you, And nations bow down to you. Be master over your brethren, And let your mother’s sons bow down to you.”
“Cursed be everyone who curses you, And blessed be those who bless you!”

FOUR DIMENSIONS OF THE BLESSING

1. Material prosperity
2. Authority over brethren
3. Nations serving Jacob
4. Blessing and cursing

PROSPERITY: JACOB

Genesis 30:43

Jacob became exceedingly prosperous, with flocks, servants, camels, and donkeys.

Deuteronomy 8:7–9

The promised land was rich in water, grain, vines, and produce.

THE LAND PROMISE – Joshua 21:43-45

43 Thus the LORD gave to Israel all the land that he swore to give to their fathers. And they took possession of it, and they settled there.

44 And the LORD gave them rest on every side just as he had sworn to their fathers. Not one of all their enemies had withstood them, for the LORD had given all their enemies into their hands.

THE LAND PROMISE – Joshua 21:43-45

45 Not one word of all the good promises that the LORD had made to the house of Israel had failed; all came to pass.

THE OLDER AND THE YOUNGER

Genesis 25:23 “Two nations are in your womb…” “The older shall serve the younger.”

Genesis 36:9 - These are the generations of Esau the father of the Edomites in the hill country of Seir.

EDOM UNDER ISRAEL - 2 Samuel 8:13–14

13 And David made a name for himself when he returned from striking down 18,000 Edomites in the Valley of Salt.

14 Then he put garrisons in Edom; throughout all Edom he put garrisons, and all the Edomites became David’s servants. And the LORD gave victory to David wherever he went.

THE ABRAHAMIC COVENANT

Genesis 12:3 “In you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

Galatians 3:8-9 And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, “In you shall all the nations be blessed.”

So then, those who are of faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.

THE ABRAHAMIC COVENANT

Phil 2:9-11 - Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name,

10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth,

11 and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

JACOB BLESSES JOSEPH'S SONS

1 Chronicles 5:1-2.... Now the sons of Reuben the firstborn of Israel—he was indeed the firstborn, but because he defiled his father's bed, his birthright was given to the sons of Joseph, the son of Israel, so that the genealogy is not listed according to the birthright;

2 yet Judah prevailed over his brothers, and from him came a ruler, although the birthright was Joseph's

JOSEPH’S SONS ARE ADOPTED

Genesis 48:5–6

Jacob receives Ephraim and Manasseh as his own sons.

Each receives a tribal inheritance in Israel.

THE CROSSING OF THE HANDS

Genesis 48:13–14

Manasseh is the firstborn.

Jacob knowingly places his right hand on younger Ephraim.

THE BLESSING PRONOUNCED

Genesis 48:15–16

Jacob invokes the God of Abraham and Isaac.

He asks for covenant identity, protection, and multiplication.

EPHRAIM GIVEN PREEMINENCE

Genesis 48:17–19

Joseph objects, but Jacob insists.

Both sons will become great; younger Ephraim will be greater.

THE HISTORICAL FULFILLMENT

Joshua 16–17; Deuteronomy 33:17

Both tribes receive land and multiply.

Ephraim gains prominence in northern Israel (Hosea 4:17).

THE HISTORICAL FULFILLMENT

Deuteronomy 33:17, Moses pronounced a blessing concerning Joseph's descendants:

"They are the ten thousands of Ephraim, And they are the thousands of Manasseh." (NKJV)

JOSEPH’S BONES

Faith Beyond the Grave

Genesis 50:24–25 • Hebrews 11:22

1. A PROMISE BEYOND EGYPT

“God will surely visit you.”

Joseph believed God would bring Israel out of Egypt and into the land promised to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

Genesis 50:24

2. A REQUEST ROOTED IN FAITH

“Carry up my bones from here.”

Joseph made Israel swear to take his remains with them when God delivered them.

Genesis 50:25

3. HE DIED WITHOUT SEEING IT

Joseph died at 110 years old.

His body remained in Egypt, but his confidence remained in God’s promise.

Genesis 50:26

4. GOD KEPT HIS PROMISE

Moses carried Joseph’s bones.

Generations later, Israel left Egypt—and Moses honored Joseph’s instructions.

Exodus 13:19

5. THE JOURNEY WAS COMPLETED

Joseph was buried at Shechem.

His bones were laid in the land of Israel’s inheritance. The promise outlived the man.

Joshua 24:32

6. THE LESSON: FAITH ENDURES

“By faith Joseph … gave instructions concerning his bones.”

Hebrews 11:22

Faith trusts God’s promises beyond our lifetime—even when fulfillment is unseen.