

Living into God's Story
A Story that Continues Through Grief
Genesis 50:1-14

Question: How should we think about death and respond to it?

I. Death is Inevitable, but Not Insignificant (vs. 1-3)

"By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return." (Gen. 3:19)

II. Death is Ugly, but Not Ultimate (vs. 4-10)

"He will wipe away every tear from their eyes and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." (Rev. 21:4)

III. Death is Personal, but Not Private (vs. 11-14)

¹³ *...we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. ¹⁴For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him."* (1 Thess. 4:13-14)

Point to Ponder: If someone watched me respond to the death of one I loved, what might they conclude about my convictions concerning death? Would it be clear where my hope is found?

Next Week: Next Sunday we will continue our sermon series *Living into God's Story* by considering **Genesis 50:15-26** 'A Story of God's Providence.'

