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<u>AFTER THE FINAL CONVERSATION</u> – Gen 50:1-14 <u>HOW SHOULD WE TREAT THE DEAD</u>?

IT IS APPROPRIATE TO GRIEVE PRIVATELY

IT IS APPROPRIATE TO SHOW EMOTION WHEN GRIEVING (1) And Joseph fell upon his father's face, and wept upon him, and kissed him.) .Gen 42:24 Gen 47:13-18

IT IS APPROPRIATE TO SHOW RESPECT TO

THE BODY (2-3a)² And Joseph commanded his servants the physicians to embalm his father: and the physicians embalmed Israel. ³ And forty days were fulfilled for him;

IT IS APPROPRIATE TO SHOW RESPECT TO

THE CULTURE (3) for so are fulfilled the days of those which are embalmed:

IT IS APPROPRIATE TO ALLOW OTHERS TO GRIEVE (3c) and the Egyptians mourned for him threescore and ten days.

IT IS APPROPRIATE TO LIMIT OUR GRIEF (4a) And when the days of his mourning were past,

IT IS APPROPRIATE TO KEEP OUR PROMISE

TO THOSE WHO HAVE DIED (50:4b-5) Joseph spake unto the house of Pharaoh, saying, If now I have found grace in your eyes, speak, I pray you, in the ears of Pharaoh, saying, ⁵ My father made me swear, saying, Lo, I die: in my grave which I have digged for me in the land of Canaan, there shalt thou bury me. Now therefore let me go up, I pray thee, and bury my father, and I will come again.

IT IS APPROPRIATE TO GIVE THE BEREAVED ADEQUATE TIME (4b, 6) And Pharaoh said, Go up, and bury thy father, according as he made thee swear.

IT IS APPROPRIATE TO HAVE A PUBLIC

FUNERAL (7-9) And Joseph went up to bury his father: and with him went up all the servants of Pharaoh, the elders of his house, and all the elders of the land of Egypt, ⁸ and all the house of Joseph, and his brethren, and his father's house: only their little ones, and their flocks, and their herds, they left in the land of Goshen. ⁹ And there went up with him both chariots and horsemen: and it was a very great company.

IT IS APPROPRIATE TO GRIEVE

PUBLICALLY (10-12) And they came to the threshingfloor of Atad, which is beyond Jordan, and there they mourned with a great and very sore lamentation: and he made a mourning for his father seven days. ¹¹ And when the inhabitants of the land, the Canaanites, saw the mourning in the floor of Atad, they said, This is a grievous mourning to the Egyptians: wherefore the name of it was called Abel-mizraim, which is beyond Jordan ¹² And his sons did unto him according as he commanded them

IT IS APPROPRIATE TO HAVE A FAMILY BURIAL ASSOCIATION (10,13) for his sons carried him into the land of Canaan, and buried him in the cave of the field of Machpelah, which Abraham bought with the field for a possession of a buryingplace of Ephron the Hittite, before Mamre)

IT IS APPROPRIATE TO STOP GRIEVING (14)

And Joseph returned into Egypt, he, and his brethren, and all that went up with him to bury his father, after he had buried his father.