

For the week of May 23, 2021  
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# Surprise Blessing

*14th week in the series: JOSEPH*

**Genesis 47, 48**

As Jacob's death draws near, there are a few loose ends that he wants to tie up. He secures his burial place and adopts two of Joseph's sons as his own. But his blessing comes with a surprise which upsets Joseph. As we reflect on this blessing, we'll reflect on how we respond when God's blessings to us aren't exactly what we expected them to be.

## **Discussion Questions:**

1. Do you recognize God's artistry in your life?
2. How do you see God's artistry in the lives of others around you.
3. How is God surprising you with his blessing in your life?
4. Has God's blessing come as a result of grief or loss?
5. Do you ever try to wrest control in a situation where things aren't happening as you expect them to?
6. What helps you to receive the surprise instead of trying to control the situation?