



## **“The Future”**

*What can we control?  
Genesis 35:16-29*

*In 2016, We can be more:*

### **I. Thankful** - “she called his name Benoni” (vs. 16-20)

*Rejoicing in Our:*

**A. Hope** - “*thou shalt have this son also*”

**B. Help** - “*his father called him Benjamin*”

**C. Heritage** - “*Jacob set a pillar upon her grave*”

### **II. Thoughtful** - “Reuben went and lay with” (vs. 21-26)

*Respecting what Others:*

**A. Have** - “*his father’s concubine*”

**B. Hear** - “*and Israel heard it*”

**C. Honor** - “*Now the sons of Jacob were twelve*”

### **III. Theological** - “where Abraham...sojourned” (vs. 27-29)

*Researching God’s idea of:*

**A. Community** - “*died and was gathered unto his people*”

**B. Contentment** - “*being old and full of days*”

**C. Cooperation** - “*his sons Esau and Jacob buried him*”

## Sentence Sermon:

**“Come what may, let’s be resolved that  
Christ shall be magnified in our bodies.”**

## Additional Verses

- **Philippians 1:20**
- **I Chronicles 5:1-2**
- **Psalms 49:1-20**
- **Genesis 49**
- **Hebrews 11:39-40**
- **Matthew 2:18**
- **Micah 5:2**
- **II Samuel 16:15-23**
- **Exodus 20:12**
- **Micah 4:4, 8**
- **Luke 2:8**
- **Zephaniah 3:17**
- **Daniel 12:3**
- **I Corinthians 2:9**
- **Philippians 3:20-21**

## Questions to Ponder:

1. What are the key words in this passage?
2. Who is the central character of the passage? Why is that?
3. Why is there so rich a description of the journey to Bethlehem?
4. How would the midwife know that the baby was a boy?
5. Why did Jacob rename Benoni as Benjamin?
6. What are some parallels between Benjamin and Jesus?
7. What good is a pillar or grave marker?
8. Why do you think Reuben slept with Bilhah?
9. Why are the sons of Jacob listed in this passage?
10. What stands out to you from verse 27?
11. What do you like most about the way Isaac’s death is portrayed?
12. How has a death of a loved one added quality to your Christian life?