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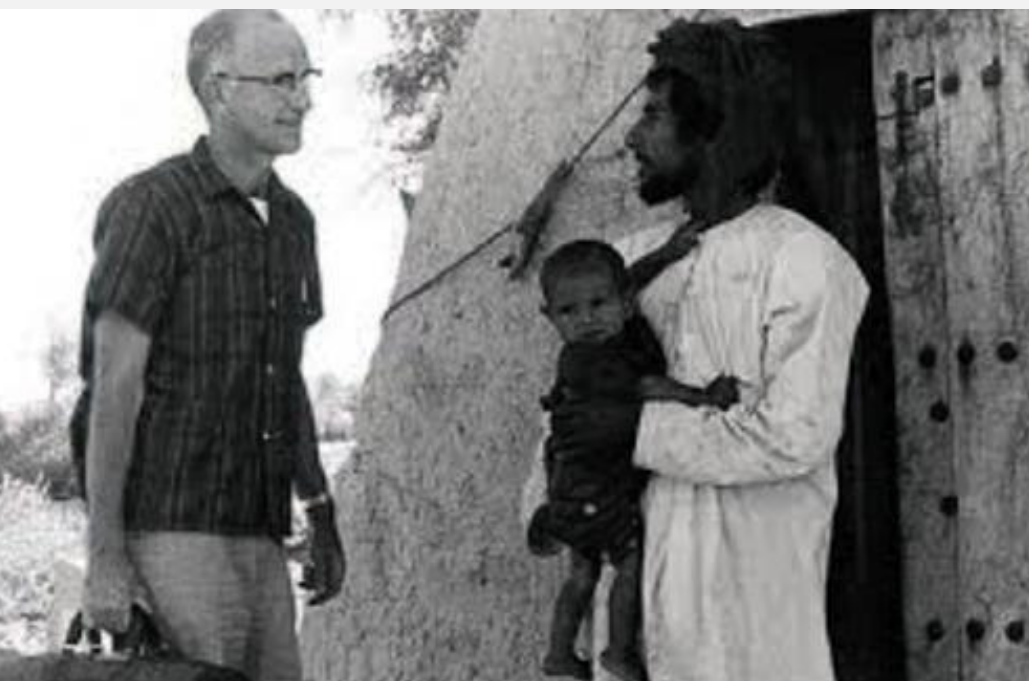
lessons from Exodus

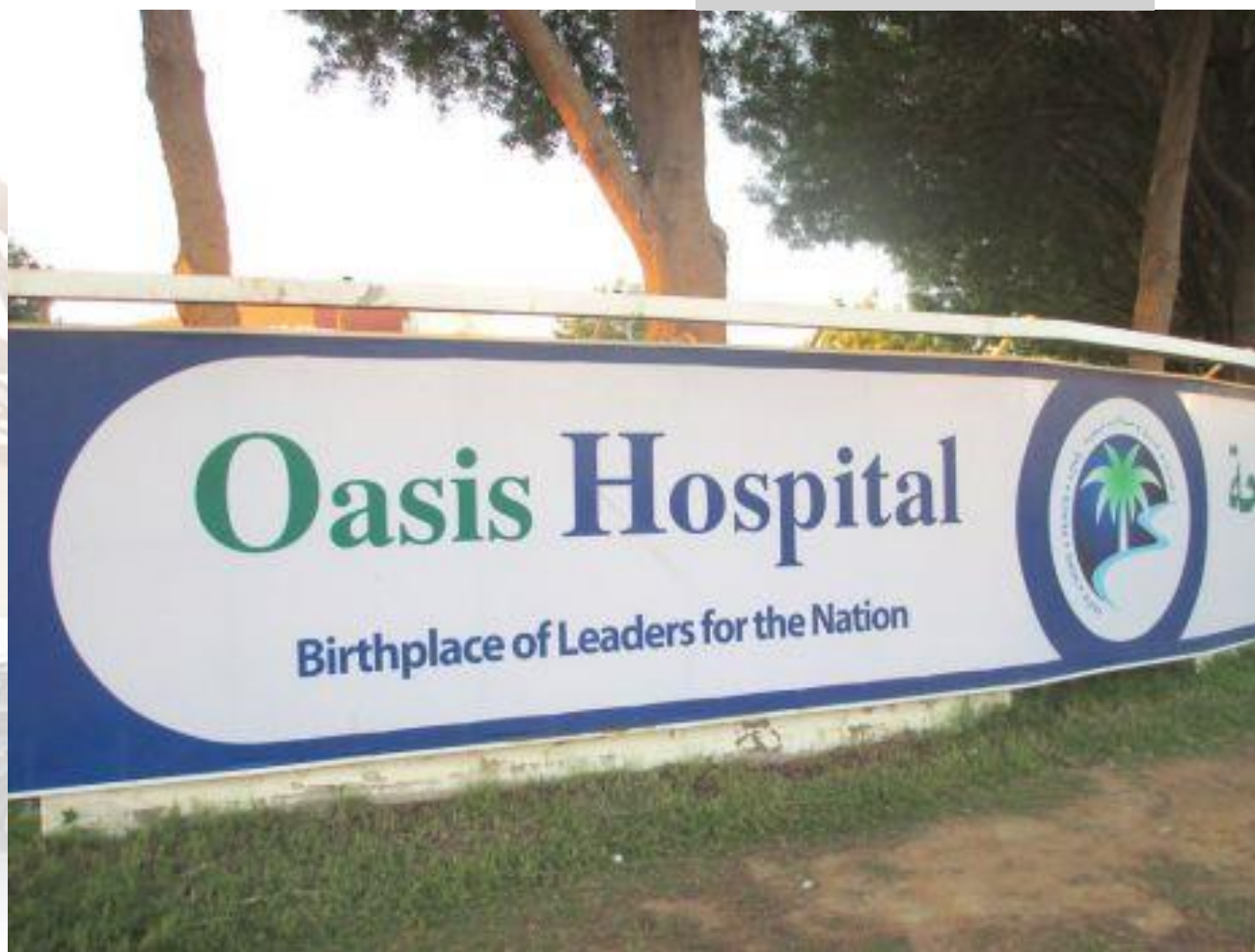
Dead Bones Can't Walk

Genesis 50:22-26













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As The National reported yesterday,
the Oasis hospital was set up in 1960, when
no professional medical care was available and
the small Al Ain population suffered from
high infant and maternal mortality rates.
But hospitals like Oasis are not only essential
public facilities, they are the beating hearts of
the communities they serve.

As people and businesses come and go,
and towns expand into cities, hospitals are
constants. They witness the passing of one
generation and the birth of another.
They are places of profound sadness and
of great joy. The Oasis Hospital may be
moving into modern premises, but it will
remain the soul of Al Ain society and
a repository of its many stories.

Then Joseph said to his brothers,
“I am about to die. But God will surely come
to your aid and take you up out of this land
to the land he promised on oath to
Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.” And Joseph made
the Israelites swear an oath and said,
“God will surely come to your aid, and then
you must carry my bones up from this place.”
So Joseph died at the age of a hundred and
ten. And after they embalmed him,
he was placed in a coffin in Egypt.

-Genesis 50:24-26

Now Joseph and all his brothers and
all that generation died, but the
Israelites were exceedingly fruitful;
they multiplied greatly, increased in
numbers and became so numerous that
the land was filled with them. Then
a new king, to whom Joseph meant
nothing, came to power in Egypt...

-Exodus 1:6-8

When Pharaoh let the people go,
God did not lead them on the road
through the Philistine country, though
that was shorter. For God said,
“If they face war, they might change
their minds and return to Egypt.”
So God led the people around by the
desert road toward the Red Sea.
The Israelites went up out of
Egypt ready for battle.

-Exodus 13:17-19

Moses took the bones of Joseph with him because Joseph had made the Israelites swear an oath. He had said, "God will surely come to your aid, and then you must carry my bones up with you from this place."

-Exodus 13:17-19

By faith Joseph, when his end was near,
spoke about the exodus of the Israelites
from Egypt and gave instructions
concerning the burial of his bones.

-Hebrews 11:22

Key truth: We can be carrying a legacy and yet the power of the legacy can be neglected when we are in the midst of our own story.

Father, my prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.

As you have sent me into
the world, I have sent
them into the world.

-John 17:15-18

