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Worship Service
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JACOB: God's Rascal in the Grip of God's Grace

Lesson Twelve • Genesis 32:1-21
Faith Put to the Test

What Is Your Worst Nightmare?

Finish the sentence: "My worst nightmare is . . ."

Facing Your Worst Nightmare

God sustains our faltering FAITH when we are afraid and distressed.

Jacob's Faith Put to the Test

Scene 1: An Unexpected ENCOUNTER with the Angels of God!

Jacob's Angelic Encounter

Jacob received ENCOURAGEMENT on his journey back to the Promised Land that God's camp of angels was with him (v. 1-2).

Scene 2: A Desperate ENVOY of Messengers Sent to Esau!

Jacob's Mounting Fear

- Jacob sent a MESSAGE to Esau suggesting his willingness to reconcile (v. 3-5).
- Jacob was greatly AFRAID and distressed upon hearing that Esau was coming with 400 men (v. 6-8).

Scene 3: A Humble PRAYER for Deliverance from Esau!

Jacob's Humble Prayer

- Invocation: call on God's NAME (v. 9).
- Recitation: claim God's PROMISES (v. 9, 12).
- Confession: remember God's FAITHFULNESS and recognize your unworthiness (v. 10).
- Petition: plead for God's DELIVERANCE (v. 11).

Scene 4: A Calculated STRATEGY to Appease Esau!

Jacob's Calculated Strategy

Jacob sent GIFTS of animals to Esau in an attempt to appease his anger and gain his favor (v. 13-21).

Takeaway

When you're afraid and distressed, WALK humbly and confidently in God's grace and on God's promises.

As God's People...

- ☐ We can take COMFORT that the Lord is with us when we face dangerous and difficult situations.
- ☐ We can PRAY with confidence, entrusting ourselves to God's grace, faithfulness, and promises.
- ☐ We can WAIT on the Lord to act rather than attempting to negotiate the danger or difficulty.