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

Lesson Seven • Genesis 28:10-22
Grace for the Journey

Jacob's Journey

Sometimes WE think we're on one kind of journey, but it turns out GOD has us on a very different kind of journey.

Jacob left Beersheba and went toward Haran. Genesis 28:10

Jacob thinks he's on a geographical journey from Beersheba to Haran, but God has him on a spiritual journey from "Jacob" to "Israel".

Like Jacob, you may think you're simply trying to get from point A to point B, but God wants to change you from person A to person B.

Grace for the Journey

1. God's Grace Is SURPRISING When We Least Expect!

Jacob's Situation

Jacob came to a certain place for the night because the sun had SET, which is symbolic of what has happened in his life (v. 11).

Jacob's Dream

- Jacob saw a STAIRWAY stretching from earth to heaven with angels ascending and descending on it (v. 12).
- Jacob heard God confirm His PROMISE of blessing in its full provision (v. 13-15).

2. God's Grace Is OVERWHELMING When We Awaken to It!

Jacob's Confession

Jacob confessed in AWE and FEAR the awesomeness and significance of God's presence "in this place" (v. 16-17).

3. God's Grace Is LIFE-CHANGING When We Respond to It!

Jacob's Response

- Jacob WORSHIPED the Lord by turning his pillow of stone into a pillar of remembrance (v. 18-19).
- Jacob made a VOW to the Lord by devoting his life to worship the Lord and give to the Lord (v. 20-22).

To All the "Jacobs" in the World

God meets you where you are with grace, but He does not want to leave you there as you are. God wants to CHANGE you to be a blessing to the world.

Stairway to Heaven

JESUS is the ladder, the stairway to heaven, by which we can be reconciled to God and be brought to heaven.

"Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man." ~Jesus, John 1:51

Takeaway

The faithfulness of God in Christ demands the fullness of our DEVOTION to Christ: the fullness of our hope in Christ, the fullness of our surrender to Christ, and the fullness of our worship of Christ.

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Romans 12:1