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*Romans 15:4 (ESV)- For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.*

## REVIEW

- ✦ Jacob was chosen by God before he was even born.
- ✦ Jacob was always a deceiver and manipulator.
- ✦ He has to run for his life from his brother.
- ✦ He ends up outside of a city alone and God meets him there and promises to give him a place, purpose, presence.
- ✦ Jacob gets to his Uncle's house and is deceived in the exact same way he deceives.
- ✦ Jacob has a very dysfunctional family with 12 kids.
- ✦ Jacob is extremely wealthy and heads back home.
- ✦ He wrestles with God and ends up with a limp.
- ✦ He reconciles with his brother and settles in Shechem.

## 1. The Direction

Genesis 35:1—God said to Jacob, “Arise, go up to Bethel and dwell there. Make an altar there to the God who appeared to you when you fled from your brother Esau.”

## 2. The Preparation

Genesis 35:2-4—So Jacob said to his household and to all who were with him, “Put away the foreign gods that are among you and purify yourselves and change your garments. Then let us arise and go up to Bethel, so that I may make there an altar to the God who answers me in the day of my distress and has been with me wherever I have gone.” So they gave to Jacob all the foreign gods that they had, and the rings that were in their ears. Jacob hid them under the terebinth tree that was near Shechem.

## 3. The Protection

Genesis 35:5— And as they journeyed, a terror from God fell upon the cities that were around them, so that they did not pursue the sons of Jacob.

## 4. The Affirmation

Genesis 35:6-15—Jacob came to Luz (that is, Bethel)...there he built an altar and called the place El-bethel, because there God had revealed himself to him when he fled from his brother...God appeared to Jacob again... God said to him, “Your name is Jacob; no longer shall your name be called Jacob, but Israel shall be your name.” ... And God said to him, “I am God Almighty: be fruitful and multiply. A nation and a company of nations shall come from you, and kings shall come from your own body. The land that I gave to Abraham and Isaac I will give to you, and I will give the land to your offspring after you.”

**When we have wandered from God...**

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**Here Is The Point:** God is faithful...