I. FIRST, THERE ARE SOME THINGS WE MUST GET RID OF.

A. For Jacob, those things were false idols – 35:2a.
B. The Bible makes it clear that God demands first place in our lives – Exodus 20:3 and Matt. 6:33.

II. SECOND, THERE ARE SOME THINGS WE NEED TO BE CLEANSED OF.

A. Jacob knew his life needed to be cleansed – 35:2.
B. King David knew the importance of being cleansed on the inside – Psa. 51:7.
C. Jesus also knew how important inner cleansing is – Matt. 23:25-26.
D. The Apostle John tells us how – 1 Jon 1:9

III. THIRD, THERE ARE SOME THING THAT NEED TO BE DIFFERENT.

A. Jacob needed some new clothes – 35:2.
B. We need to change the things that make us fit in too perfectly with the Godless world we live in.
C. “Clothes” also refers to what’s on the “inside”.

IV. FOURTH, THERE IS A PRIORITY THAT NEEDS TO BE SET STRIGHT.

A. Jacob was ready to change his priorities in life and go back to Bethel – 35:3.
B. Why back to Bethel?
   1. The name means House of God.
   2. It’s where Jacob had his dream of the staircase to heaven
   3. Back to Bethel, then, for Jacob meant back to God.