

## What it Means to Be Forgiven

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Genesis 33

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### I. The Reconciliation

Jacob Goes to the Front 1-2

- Previously works (sent goods in front); now Grace understanding (he in front)

Jacob Gives Back the Blessing 3-10

- Bows 7x - Jacob puts himself under Esau; gives back blessing 27:29
- Esau forgives freely! Jacob gives freely[tithe] (10) out of sense of gratitude
- Jacob finally understands the blessing is heavenly not earthly!

Understanding the Events 3-10

- Being forgiven restores!
- We can have peace with others BECAUSE  
we have peace w/ God thru Christ 2 Cor 5:18-21

### II. The Temptation and Partial Faithfulness

Esau urges Jacob to live (fellowship) w/ him 12-15

- Seir outside of land (Edom)
- not according to 28:15 (bring back to land)

Jacob Escapes By Deceit 12-17

- does not refuse directly
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Jacob's partial obedience 17-19

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- then moves to Shechem (right side of Jordan)

### Application: Why isn't Jacob's Faithfulness Total?

- To show us (Israel) the power of Sin!
- To turn our Attention from Jacob to CHRIST!
  - so we won't have faith in faith
  - so we won't have faith in Jacob
  - So we will EMBRACE God's perfect Revelation: Christ

### ASK Yourself - Discuss:

- what are you clinging (Seir, Succoth, etc.) to that is not full obedience?
- why is the world so attractive to us compared to Christ? (Look @ Adam)
- why is it so important to hear & read the Word of God daily?
- what does it mean to have faith in Christ's righteousness (God's provision) not your own in a daily practical way?
- how do you love sin, worldly things that are passing away, fear others rather than God, etc., like Jacob?

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