

Sermon Discussion Questions

Speaker: Dr. Stephen Burrell Topic: Genesis 28 Scripture: Genesis 28:1-22

- Briefly summarize the main points of the sermon.
- What questions do you still have from today's sermon?
- Read Genesis 28:1-9
 - What instructions does Isaac give Jacob at the beginning of the chapter, and why does he send him to Paddan-aram? (v. 1-2)
 - How does Isaac bless Jacob in verse 3-4? How does this connect to God's covenant with Abraham?
 - How does Esau respond when he sees that Isaac has blessed Jacob and disapproved of Canaanite wives? (v. 6-9)
 - What does Esau's decision to take another wife reveal about his understanding of Isaac's values and God's plan?
 - What can we learn about God's use of imperfect families to carry forward His purposes? (See Romans 9:10-13.)
 - How do Isaac's instructions show the importance of marrying in alignment with God's covenant values? (See 2 Corinthians 6:14.)
 - How can we respond in faith rather than resentment when others receive blessings we desired? (See Hebrews 12:15-17.)
- Read Genesis 28:10-17
 - What happens to Jacob when he stops to rest in verse 11, and what does he see in the dream? (v. 12)
 - What does the Lord say to Jacob in verses 13-15, and how does this echo earlier promises to Abraham and Isaac?
 - How does Jacob respond when he wakes up, and what is his reaction to God's presence? (v. 16-17)
 - How does God's appearance to Jacob show His grace, especially in light of Jacob's recent actions? (See Genesis 27:35-36; Romans 5:8.)
 - What does this passage teach us about God's presence in unexpected or low points of life? (See Psalm 139:7-10.)
 - How can we cultivate greater awareness of God's presence in our daily lives, even in ordinary or difficult circumstances? (See Matthew 28:20.)
- Read Genesis 28:18-22
 - What does Jacob do the next morning to mark the place where he encountered God? (v. 18-19)
 - What vow does Jacob make in verses 20-22, and what conditions does he attach to it?
 - How does Jacob's vow reflect both a response of worship and a growing understanding of who God is?
 - How can setting up "reminders" of God's faithfulness help us remain grounded in our walk with Him? (See Joshua 4:4-7.)
 - What role does worship and giving play in our response to God's promises and presence? (See Romans 12:1.)
 - How does Jacob's conditional vow reveal the beginning of his personal journey with God—and how does God patiently meet us where we are? (See Philippians 1:6.)