

Living With a Glorious Limp: Discipleship, Jacob, and the Messiness of Life
Lesson 3: Grace that is Greater than all our Bungling. January 23rd and 24th 2024



Observation. What does The Text Say?

Read Genesis 28:10-22

1. What did Jacob see and hear in his dream as he slept near the city of Luz?
2. How did God identify himself to Jacob in his dream?
3. In what way were the promises that God gave to Jacob in the dream similar to the covenant promises that God gave to Abraham? See **Genesis 13:14-16; 17:4-8; 22:17-18**
4. In **Genesis 28:15**, what two additional great promises did God give to Jacob?
5. When Jacob awoke from the dream, what was his realization and reaction to the dream?
6. Early in the morning, what two things did Jacob do with the stone that he had slept near?
7. Why did Jacob name the place "Bethel"? See **Genesis 28: 22.**
8. When Jacob made his vow, "the LORD shall be my God," what two things did he promise God that he would do in order to show his commitment to Him?



Interpretation. What Does It Mean?

9. What aspects of God's grace to Jacob are seen in this short passage? There are several if you examine the passage carefully.

10. Jesus referred to this Jacob's dream where he said, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you shall see the heavens opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man" (**John 1:51**). What two truths did Jesus want Nathanael to understand about who he is?

- See **John 14:6; 1 Timothy 2:5** for the first truth.

- And **John 4:21-23** for the second truth.

11. What was God's purpose(s) in giving Jacob this dream?

Application. What Is God Asking Me To Do?

12. How does this passage connect with your life?

13. Does it upset you that God was so gracious to Jacob? For after all, Jacob was rightly characterized as a liar, schemer, and "a low-down, self-serving, sneaky mama's boy."¹ Are you asking, "Where is God's justice for all the hurt he brought to his family? Why should God give this man glorious promises and blessing?"

14. In what ways can you be gracious or forgive those who have hurt you or offended you?

15. God, what might you be inviting me to be, know, understand, feel, or do?

^{1,2} God's Rascal: The Jacob Narrative in Genesis 25–35 by Dale Davis Published by Christian Focus September 9, 2022