

Living With a Glorious Limp: Discipleship, Jacob, and the Messiness of Life

Lesson 10: First Be Reconciled to Your Brother March 12th and 13th 2024



Observation. What does The Text Say?

Read Genesis 33:1-20

1. In what order did Jacob divide his wives, their female servants, and children to meet Esau?
2. In what manner did Jacob approach this brother Esau as they met?
3. How did Esau respond to Jacob when they met after 20 years?
4. What two-word phrase is repeated in **verses 8, 10, and 15** that shows Jacob's hope for reconciliation and a change in their old patterns of interaction? ¹ Use one of the following: NIV, NASB, ESV, or KJV translations.
5. How many times in this passage did Jacob refer to Esau as "**my Lord**"?
6. Where did Jacob tell Esau that he would meet him later?
7. Instead of following Esau, where did Jacob make his first home and then his second home where he built an altar?

Interpretation. What Does the Text Mean?

8. Where in this account do you see how God, wrestling with Jacob, prepared him for this meeting with Esau?¹



9. What is the meaning behind Jacob's statement to Esau, "**Now that I have seen your face and you have accepted me, it is as if I have seen the face of God**"?

10. Give some examples from this passage that show that "Esau is a magnificent picture of graciousness and forgiveness."²

11. Why do you suppose that God refers to Jacob as "**Jacob**", instead of using his new name "**Israel**" in this narrative? The exception being where Jacob says, "**The God of Israel is God**".

12. There are several possible reasons why Jacob did not follow Esau to Seir. List what you believe were those reasons.

Application. What is God Asking Me To Do?

13. What have you learned from Jacob that inspires you to take steps toward reconciliation, or what have you seen Jacob do that you do not want to repeat? ¹

14. What **elements (things the brothers said or did)** of this meeting between brothers show what needs to be followed in order for you to be truly reconciled to your brother or sister? (*i.e.* If you had stolen from someone, what do you need to repay?)

15. What did God do for you, and what did God require of you when Christ reconciled you to Himself? See **Romans 5:1-2;10** **2 Corinthians 5:17-21** **Colossians 1:21-23**

References

¹ Questions modified from Roots: A Women's Bible Study In Genesis. Central Peninsula Church 1005 Shell Blvd. Foster City, CA 94404 Used by Permission.

² <https://bible.org/seriespage/35-one-step-forward-and-three-backward-genesis-331-3431>