

# DISCOVERY

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## **Proverbs 25:2**

*“It is the glory of God to conceal a matter; to search out a matter is the glory of kings.”*

## **Deuteronomy 29:29**

*“The secret things belong to the Lord our God, but those things which are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law.”*

**DISCOVERY: Is searching for and finding the things that you didn't know were there...but were there all along!!!**

## **JACOB'S DISCOVERY**

### **Genesis 28:10-19**

<sup>10</sup> Now Jacob went out from Beersheba and went toward Haran. <sup>11</sup> So he came to a certain place and stayed there all night, because the sun had set. And he took one of the stones of that place and put it at his head, and he lay down in that place to sleep.

<sup>12</sup> Then he dreamed, and behold, a ladder was set up on the earth, and its top reached to heaven; and there the angels of God were ascending and descending on it.

<sup>13</sup> And behold, the Lord stood above it and said: “I am the Lord God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and your descendants. <sup>14</sup> Also your descendants shall be as the dust of the earth; you shall spread abroad to the west and the east, to the north and the south; and in you and in your seed all the families of the earth shall be blessed. <sup>15</sup> Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have spoken to you.”

<sup>16</sup> Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, “Surely the Lord is in this “place”, and I did not know it.” <sup>17</sup> And he was afraid and said, “How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven!” <sup>18</sup> Then Jacob rose early in the morning, and took the stone that he had put at his head, set it up as a pillar, and poured oil on top of it. <sup>19</sup> And he called the name of that place Bethel; but the name of that city had been Luz previously.

**“Place”** - Geographical

**“Place”** - A “position” a “predicament” a “mess” a “dilemma” a “difficulty”

### 3 TRUTHS HE DISCOVERED

#### #1. REST - Psalm 116:1-7

*“I love the Lord, because He has heard My voice and my supplications. <sup>2</sup> Because He has inclined His ear to me, Therefore I will call upon Him as long as I live. <sup>3</sup> The pains of death surrounded me, And the pangs of Sheol laid hold of me; I found trouble and sorrow. <sup>4</sup> Then I called upon the name of the Lord: “O Lord, I implore You, deliver my soul!” <sup>5</sup> Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; Yes, our God is merciful. <sup>6</sup> The Lord preserves the simple; I was brought low, and He saved me. <sup>7</sup> **Return to your rest, O my soul, For the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.***

#### #2. REMEMBERING - Genesis 28:13

*“I am the God of Abraham and Isaac”*

#### John 14:26

*He will teach you all things, and bring to your **remembrance** all things that I said to you.*

#### Jonah 2:7

*When my soul fainted within me, I **remembered** the Lord; And my prayer went up to You, Into Your holy temple.”*

#### #3. RENEWAL - verses 18-22

**Genesis 29:1** “So Jacob (continued) on his journey...”

#### Isaiah 40:31

*But those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint.*

**“Surely the Lord is in this place and I did not know it.”**