



IN THE BEGINNING...
A STUDY OF GENESIS

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

Part 7: Jacob (Genesis 35:1-15)

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In this series, we'll see how being human is inherently messy, with stories of strained relationships, violence, distrust, and fear. Yet, Genesis teaches us about perseverance and finding hope in God, revealing His promises that protect and sustain us even in the unexpected turns of life. Through our exploration of Creation, the Fall, the Flood, and the Tower of Babel, alongside the narratives of patriarchs Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph, we'll discover how these stories foreshadow the gospel and offer transformative insights for our personal lives and the world around us.

- 1) Webster's Dictionary defines a mid-life crisis as... "A period of emotional turmoil in middle age characterized especially by a strong desire for change." Whether you're younger or older, we've all faced crises in our lives where it describes a mid-life crisis. Was there a time you felt this way (i.e. major, relationships, marriage, career, etc.? Please explain.

- 2) **Read Genesis 35:1-15.** What stands out to you in this passage (*Initial thoughts*)?

- 3) Pastor David talked about three movements in Jacob's life. Which of the three most resonates with you, and how is God convicting you in your personal life today?
 - a. Jacob is moving from a partial commitment to a full commitment to God (vv. 1-4).
 - b. Jacob is moving from the things of God to God Himself (vv. 5-7).
 - c. Jacob is moving from striving with men to striving with God (vv. 8-10)

4) **Practical Application.**

What next steps can you take to see your own movements in your life? What area will you focus on? And what practical things can you do to execute your focused area? Please share ideas of how one can move from partial commitment to a full commitment, things of God to God Himself, and striving with men to striving with God.