

SUNDAY RECAP

Sunday was week 5 of our series, **Covenant God**, exploring the covenants found throughout Scripture. Sunday's focus was on **God's covenant with Jacob/Israel**. Before starting the questions with your group, invite God to reveal Himself through His Word and by His Spirit during your discussion.

PASSAGES REFERENCED: Genesis 35:11-12, Exodus 1:6-8, 19:3-6, 20:1-2, 24:3, 1 Peter 2:9

OPTIONAL ICEBREAKERS

- Share about a time someone rescued or helped you in a way you couldn't have managed on your own.
- If you had to describe God's character based on what you've seen in your own life lately, what word would you use?

DISCUSSION GUIDE

1. What stood out to you from the passage or sermon this week?
2. Pastor Donny said, "**God's rescue says more about the giver than the receiver.**" Read Exodus 19:3-4. What stands out to you about God's heart and initiative here?
3. Before God gave Israel the Ten Commandments, He **first** rescued them from slavery. Why do you think rescue came before rules?
4. **RESCUE:** How have you experienced God's rescue in your own life? How has he freed you from "slavery" in some way?
5. **REQUIRE:** God gave His people boundaries and commands after rescuing them. Why do you think boundaries and obedience are essential parts of covenant relationship?
6. Discuss your thoughts about the playground fence illustration from the sermon. *Are fences around playgrounds meant to protect or restrict?*
7. **RESPOND:** Where do you sense the Holy Spirit wanting to *do something in your life* right now to grow you, change you, or invite you to trust more deeply?

GROUP PRAYER TIME: Share any personal requests before praying together.

RESOURCES referenced in this series:

- The Bible Project - [Covenant Video](https://bibleproject.com/videos/covenants) (bibleproject.com/videos/covenants)
- *Miracles* - C.S.Lewis
- *The Knowledge of the Holy* - A.W. Tozer
- Tim Keller's sermon "covenant relationships"
- *Commentaries* - John H. Walton
- *What is Covenant Theology?* - Ryan M. McGraw
- *Not the Way It's Supposed to Be* - Cornelius Plantinga Jr.
- *Understanding Genesis* - Nahum M. Sarna



MORE WAYS TO ENGAGE: **Fair Oaks Church Sermon Podcast** (Apple Podcasts & Spotify) to listen to just the message. Check out **Cutting Room Floor** episodes that further unpack sermons and insights from preachers.



COVENANT GOD

ESTABLISHED THROUGH ALL GENERATIONS

DIGGING DEEPER

Jacob/Israel

UPCOMING EVENTS [Learn more at fair Oaks.church/events](https://fair Oaks.church/events)

- 10/8: **Hope Gathering Widows Group** | 6-8p | Potluck Dinner & Fellowship | AMC
- 10/10: **Food Distribution at FO/OV Food Bank** | 9a-12:30p | Sign up to volunteer
- 10/12: **Motherhood Group** | 12-2p | Lunch & Connection | RSVP at fair Oaks.church/events
- 10/12: **Food Drive** | Bring items to church lobby
- 10/12: **Brazil Mission Trip 2026 Interest Meeting** | 11:30a | AMC
- 10/17: **Sisterhood Women's Gathering** | 6:30-8p | FLC | RSVP at fair Oaks.church/sisterhood
- 10/18: **Men's Breakfast** | 8-10a | AMC | RSVP at fair Oaks.church/events
- 10/19: **Trunk or Treat Volunteer Training** | 10a & 11:45a | Wells Chapel
- 10/25: **Trunk or Treat** | 6-7:30p | Front parking lot | Sign up to help online

