

SUNDAY TO SUNDAY

Questions to help us consider Sunday's passage all week long

BETHEL, THE GRACE OF GOD

Genesis 27–28 | August 30, 2026

MESSAGE AT A GLANCE

- Grace never minimizes our sin.
- Grace is greater than our sin.
- Grace is available to us in our sin.
- Grace is all about magnifying God.

MESSAGE SUMMARY

Genesis 27–28 shows us Jacob honestly—sinful, deceptive, and undeserving. Yet at Bethel, God comes to Jacob with promises he did not earn and grace he could never deserve. God does not excuse Jacob's sin, but neither is Jacob's sin greater than God's grace. The stairway at Bethel ultimately points us to Christ, the One who brings sinful people near to God. Grace humbles the sinner and magnifies the God who saves.

KEY TRUTH

Grace does not ignore our sin. It meets us in our sin, gives us what we could never earn, and turns our attention from ourselves to the God who saves.

CONSIDER THIS WEEK

1. Where am I tempted to minimize, excuse, or blame others for my sin?

Grace begins with seeing our sin honestly. What do I need to confess rather than defend?

2. Is there a failure in my past that I have begun to believe is greater than God's grace?

How does Jacob's story remind me that God's grace is greater than the sin of those who come to Him?

3. Am I waiting to "clean myself up" before I come honestly to God?

Jacob met God while living in the consequences of his sin. Where do I need to receive God's grace?

4. Am I trying to build my way up to God—or resting in what God has done for me?

Babel pictures man reaching upward; Bethel pictures God opening heaven. How does Jesus fulfill that picture for us?

5. Does my understanding of grace make much of me or much of God?

Take time this week to thank God specifically for grace you did not earn and could never deserve.

Read it. Consider it. Pray it. Live it.