

SUNDAY TO SUNDAY

Questions to Help Us Consider Sunday's Passage All Week Long

The Grace of Returning October 4, 2026 / Genesis 33-35

MAIN TRUTH

The life of faith is not a life without failure; it is a life in which God's grace continually meets us in our failure and keeps moving us toward Christ.

THREE TRUTHS TO REMEMBER

1. God's grace meets us in our fears and failures.

Our fears expose what we cannot control. Our failures expose the weakness of trusting ourselves. Both should drive us away from self-sufficiency and toward Christ.

2. God's grace leads us to repentance.

God called Jacob back to Bethel, and Jacob understood that the idols could not go with him. Repentance does not manage or negotiate with idols; it puts them away.

3. God's grace brings us back to worship.

The goal is not just fewer sins or better behavior. Repentance turns us from sin to God.

CONSIDER THIS WEEK

- Where is fear exposing my desire to control something that belongs in God's hands?
- What recent failure has revealed an area where I am still depending on myself rather than Christ?
- Am I bringing my sin into the light through honest confession, or am I hiding, excusing, or minimizing it? (1 John 1:7-9)
- What is one "idol" I am tempted to believe I must have in order to be satisfied, secure, valued, or in control?
- What would practical repentance look like in that area? What actually needs to change?
- How has God dealt graciously with me? Take time to identify specific evidences of His goodness.
- How does the cross show both the seriousness of my sin and the greatness of God's grace?

THIS WEEK

Practice Gratitude: Write down one way you can say with Jacob, *"God hath dealt graciously with me."* (Genesis 33:11)

VERSE TO MEDITATE ON

"...not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?"
— **Romans 2:4**