

32:9–12 • Jacob’s prayer _____

Vs 13–23 • Jacob’s next scheme: to placate Esau with a huge gift,
presented in stages to win him over _____

Spoiler: Jacob had nothing to fear. God worked behind the scenes to prepare Esau’s heart (33:9). The gifts were not necessary; Esau had all he needed.

Philippians 4:6–7 •

6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Next:

Jacob wrestles the Angel of the Lord (future sermon)
Jacob and Esau reunite (ch 33)



Midweek Study • Genesis 30b–32

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Jacob Prospers

30:25–26 • Jacob at this point: _____

Vs 27–28 • Laban doesn’t want Jacob to go. Why? _____

Vs 29–31 • Jacob wisely refuses a gift from Laban. Why? _____

Vs 31–34 • Instead of a gift, Jacob will work for “wages” of herds _____

Vs 35–36 • The “bargain” = Jacob will get the inferior animals (mottled colored) and Laban will get the better ones (solid colored). But before Jacob can even begin, Laban steals Jacob’s herds and gives them to his sons!

Vs 37–42 • The “weird” part of the story: rods for mating???

Explanation: 31:7–13; God gives Jacob a vision of selective breeding, but says nothing about magical rods. These were Jacob’s idea, much like Rachel’s magical mandrakes previously. But, in Jacob’s mind, these show God is doing a miracle.

31:1–2 • Laban’s sons complain about Jacob’s wealth (which they stole previously!) _____

Vs 3–5 • Jacob sees trouble brewing _____

Vs 6–13 • Jacob explains to his wives why they are leaving _____

“God did not allow him to hurt me” • Lesson about applying scripture to our lives → _____

Vs 14–18 • Rachel & Leah’s response & departure _____

Vs 19 • Rachel steal’s Laban’s idols! Why? (vs 14) _____

Regarding idols: _____

Vs 20–24 • Laban pursues Jacob in anger, but is warned by God

Vs 25–28 • Laban’s words ring of untrue (31:1)! _____

Vs 29–31 • Laban admits he can’t touch Jacob. But what about his idols? _____

Vs 32 • Jacob makes a foolish, presumptuous vow _____

_____ (Ecclesiastes 5:2)

Vs 33–37 • Rachel deceives the deceiver Laban; Jacob unwittingly defends her! _____

Vs 38–42 • Jacob says it is time to part ways _____

Vs 43–55 • Jacob and Laban make a covenant of peace _____

32:1–8 • Jacob sees angels, as at Bethel. God is with him—to encourage him as he hears of Esau’s coming with 400 men! _____
