

Sermon Notes 9 27 26

Isaac & Jacob #11: Rock and a Hard Place

Genesis 32:1-33:20

Big Idea: Mature faith trusts God even when fear tempts us to take control.

Transition: Trust God by...

1) O_____ His C_____, 32:1-5

Truth: Faith obeys God even when obedience does not make the circumstances safer.

2) B_____ Him Your F_____, 32:3-12

Truth: Faith doesn't deny fear; faith brings fear to God.

3) Acting without C_____, 32:13-21

Truth: Faith trusts God with the outcome while obedience faithfully does what God has given us to do.

4) S_____ Your Strength, 32:22-32

Truth: God sometimes weakens us so that we will stop trusting our own strength.

5) R_____ what You “Deserve”, 33:1-20

Truth: When we trust God's promises, we don't have to grasp for what God has not given us.

Application Questions

1) Where is fear tempting you to disobey God?

Action: Identify the specific command or biblical principle you are tempted to avoid because of what might happen. Bring that fear honestly to God, then take the next step of obedience He has already made clear.

2) Where are you trying to control an outcome that belongs to God?

Action: Identify what you are currently trying to manage, manipulate, or force. Do what faithfulness requires of you, then consciously surrender the outcome to God in prayer rather than continuing to scheme for the result.

3) What are you still grasping for that you need to place in God's hands?

Action: Identify the possession, position, relationship, recognition, or right you are afraid to release. Ask God to give you the humility to trust His promises without needing to secure for yourself what He has not given you.

Faith is obeying God in the presence of fear.