

TEXT: Genesis 34-35

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- RSVP for Sunday Now - The RSVP for next Sunday's services at 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, and 11:00 AM are now open. Make sure to RSVP every week that you would like to attend a service. And don't forget that we have the K-2 room in the 11:00 AM service! The RSVP forms will close on Saturday at 2:00 PM. RSVP now at redeemerchurch.com/regathering
 - Reading Guide - Our staff has made a reading guide for you to study Genesis along with us during the week as we prepare to gather on Sunday mornings. Go to redeemerchurch.com/nextsteps to access the reading guide!
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BIG IDEA: We must kill our idols or our idols will kill us.

Read Genesis 34:1-12

1. Jacob has not protected his family from the wickedness of the day. And later we will see he did not lead them spiritually, so they worshipped false gods. We are often like Jacob, we don't live our lives in faithfulness to God. We do not prioritize the worship of the true God. We often stand by idly. Our inaction IS action. Our action is a form of spiritual abuse. Our passivity is spiritual abuse. **What are some areas of your life you have been passive about? What can you do about it?**

Read Genesis 34:24-25

2. Jesus is the true-and-better Levi, the true high priest. Jesus sheds his blood for His enemies as He fulfills God's standards of justice. The problem at this moment isn't that Simeon and Levi want to oppose evil, they should. It is that they are not seeking justice. They are seeking revenge. The Scripture calls us to justice but never to revenge. Justice is about getting things right. Vengeance is about getting even. **How does knowing that Jesus is the true and better High Priest (Heb 4:14-16) let you see justice (Psalm 82:3-4) rightly?**

Read Genesis 34:30-31

3. Jacob isn't worried about what's right. He is worried about what's right for him. We are tempted to do exactly the same. Parents who are more concerned about how their children act in public than what is in their child's heart all because of mom and dad's reputation. People who are more concerned with appearing successful in their careers than pursuing righteousness in everyday life. **What are some ways you are more worried about what the world thinks or how you feel rather than what God says?**

Read Genesis 35:1-4

4. God reminds Jacob to live in Bethel. So, Jacob packs up his family and leaves. God calls Jacob to worship because every sin is an act of worship to a false god. Greed, lust, and anger are all acts of worship to the god of self. Jacob's family had been worshipping false gods all because of Jacob's disobedience. Now, the sign of Jacob's obedience is that the family gets rid of their idols. They get rid of the false gods and turn to the true and living God. *Idolatry is trusting in created things rather than the Creator for our hope and happiness, significance, and security.* - *New City Catechism* **What are false gods(idols) that you have worshiped? How have they affected your life?**

5. Dayton mentioned four questions to ask yourself to help identify idols you may be struggling with. Go through these questions and identify the idols in your life.
 1. **What am I afraid of losing?**
 2. **What, if I lost it, would alter my identity?**
 3. **What, if I gained it, would change my identity?**
 4. **What would I be unwilling to give up without being angry at God?**