



Genesis 35:1-37:1 (1 Thess. 5:24)

“He Will Surely Do It”

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Consult the Scriptures:

Genesis 35:1-37:1

(See also: Gen. 28:10-22, 12:3, 15:13-16; Rom. 8:28-30; 1 Cor. 1:8-9; 1 Thess. 5:23-24; Jn. 10:27-30; 2 Tim. 4:16-18; Jude 24-25;

Discuss:

1. Pastor Patrick opened by asking (*citing John Piper*), “How do you know you will wake up a Christian tomorrow morning?”¹ How would you answer that question?
2. John Piper answered his rhetorical question like this: “The bottom-line answer is that God will cause you to wake up a Christian, or you won’t.”² Do you agree with that statement? Why or why not?
3. Pastor Patrick talked about the doctrine of “eternal security” (*or “the perseverance of the saints”*). Are you familiar with the doctrine? What is the doctrine? In other words, what does it mean or refer to? Read the following passages as a group and discuss:

¹ John Piper, Providence (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Books, 2020), p. 616.

² Ibid.

Rom. 8:28-29

1 Cor. 1:8-9

1 Thess. 5:23-24

Jn. 10:27-30

2 Tim. 4:16-18

Jude 24-25

Can you think of other examples in Scripture? Who is the primary acting agent in the above texts? How does that relate to our sense of assurance as Christians?

4. How does the above exercise relate to our study of the book of Genesis? How does it relate to the stories of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob? When we speak of God's "providence," what do we mean? How is that exemplified in Scripture, namely in the book of Genesis?
5. Read Genesis 35:1-29 (*see also Gen. 28:10-22*) and discuss. What stands out to you in this passage? What does it tell us about God? What does it tell us about ourselves?
6. Why do you think Scripture records the descendants of Esau? What might that tell us about God? And how might that inform our understanding of God's providence?
7. What immediate applications can be made considering this sermon? What question do you still have?