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GENESIS

Sunday Series

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Genesis 31:1-18

The background of the slide is a photograph of a desert landscape. In the foreground, there is a sandy, reddish-brown ground with scattered dark rocks. In the middle ground, there are several large, dark, jagged rock formations. In the background, there are more mountains under a sky with soft, white clouds. The overall lighting is somewhat dim, suggesting a late afternoon or early morning setting.

What Do You Do When You Feel Stuck?

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Jacob Felt Stuck...

- Laban Keeps Changing the deal.
- He's Got 2 Wives, 2 Kid Wives, 12 Kids and a host of Servants He's Responsible for now.
- His Wealth of Livestock is Growing.
- He's Asked at Least Twice to Leave Laban.

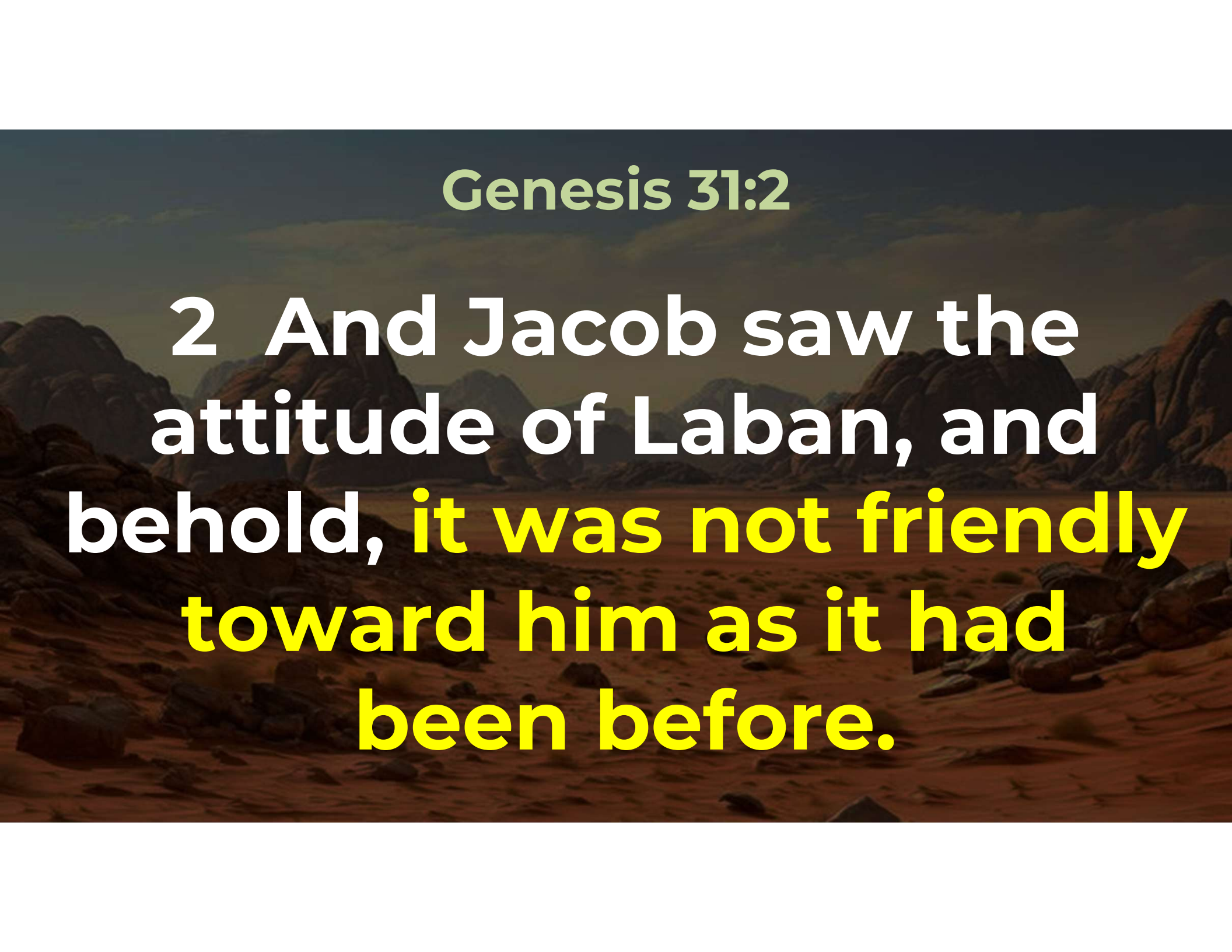


The LORD
Will Direct.

Genesis 31:1-18

Genesis 31:1

1 Now Jacob heard the words of Laban's sons, saying, "Jacob has taken away all that was our father's, and from what belonged to our father he has made all this wealth."



Genesis 31:2

2 And Jacob saw the
attitude of Laban, and
behold, **it was not friendly
toward him as it had
been before.**

The LORD
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**Through
Change.**

Genesis 31:1-18



The Changing Tide...

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- Laban's Sons Don't Like Jacob

Genesis 31:1 Now Jacob heard the words of Laban's sons, saying, "Jacob has taken away all that was our father's, and from what belonged to our father he has made all this wealth."

- Laban Attitude Has Changed

Genesis 31:2 And Jacob saw the attitude of Laban, and behold, it was not friendly toward him as it had been before.

The Changing Tide...

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- Laban Keeps Changing Wages

Genesis 31:7 “Yet your father has cheated me and changed my wages ten times; however, God did not allow him to do me harm.

- Wives Attitudes Have Changed

Genesis 31:14-15 Rachel and Leah said to him, “Do we still have any share or inheritance in our father’s house? 15 “Are we not regarded by him as foreigners? For he has sold us, and has also entirely consumed our purchase price.

Biblical Truth

**GOD Directs
Us Through
the Change!**

Not Around it, or Away From it, Through it!

**THE FIRST TIME I GOT A UNIVERSAL
REMOTE CONTROL, I THOUGHT TO MYSELF**

"THIS CHANGES EVERYTHING."

Direction Through Change...

The LORD
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- God Directed Abraham Through Change

Genesis 12:1 Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country, And from your relatives And from your father's house, To the land which I will show you;

- God Directed Joseph Through Change

Genesis 50:19-20 But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid, for am I in God's place? 20 "As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good in order to bring about this present result, to keep many people alive.

- God Directed Moses Through Change

Exodus 1:8 Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph.

- God Directed Ruth Through Change

Ruth 1:1 Now it came about in the days when the judges governed, that there was a famine in the land. And a man of Bethlehem in Judah went to reside in the land of Moab with his wife and his two sons.

Direction Through Change...

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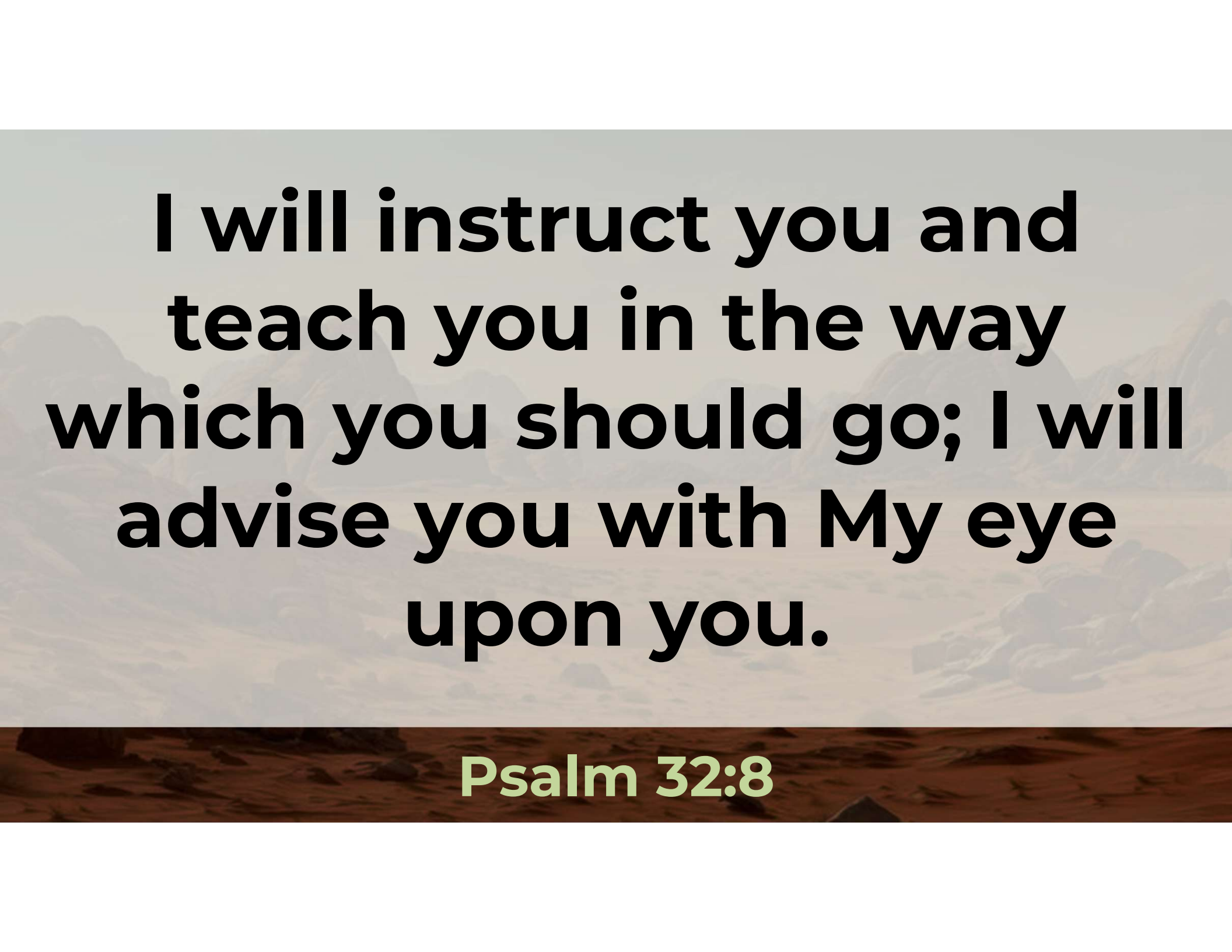
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- God Directed Jesus through Change

Matthew 4:12-17 Now when Jesus heard that John had been taken into custody, He withdrew into Galilee; 13 and leaving Nazareth, He came and settled in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali. 14 This happened so that what was spoken through Isaiah the prophet would be fulfilled: 15 "THE LAND OF ZEBULUN AND THE LAND OF NAPHTALI, BY THE WAY OF THE SEA, ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE JORDAN, GALILEE OF THE GENTILES— 16 THE PEOPLE WHO WERE SITTING IN DARKNESS SAW A GREAT LIGHT, AND THOSE WHO WERE SITTING IN THE LAND AND SHADOW OF DEATH, UPON THEM A LIGHT DAWNED." 17 From that time Jesus began to preach and say, "**Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.**"

- God Directed Peter, Paul, Silas... through Change

Acts 16:6-8 They passed through the Phrygian and Galatian region, after being forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia; 7 and after they came to Mysia, they were trying to go into Bithynia, and the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them; 8 and passing by Mysia, they went down to Troas.

The background of the image is a soft-focus photograph of a desert landscape. In the foreground, there is a body of water, possibly a lake or a wide river, with a sandy or rocky shoreline. In the middle ground, there are some low-lying bushes and small trees. In the background, a range of mountains is visible under a clear sky. The overall color palette is warm, with shades of brown, tan, and blue.

**I will instruct you and
teach you in the way
which you should go; I will
advise you with My eye
upon you.**

Psalm 32:8

No temptation has overtaken you except something common to mankind; and God is faithful, so He will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it.

1 Corinthians 10:13

**THE FIRST TIME I GOT A UNIVERSAL
REMOTE CONTROL, I THOUGHT TO MYSELF**

"THIS CHANGES EVERYTHING."



LET The LORD
Direct You Through
The CHANGE!

Truth Application

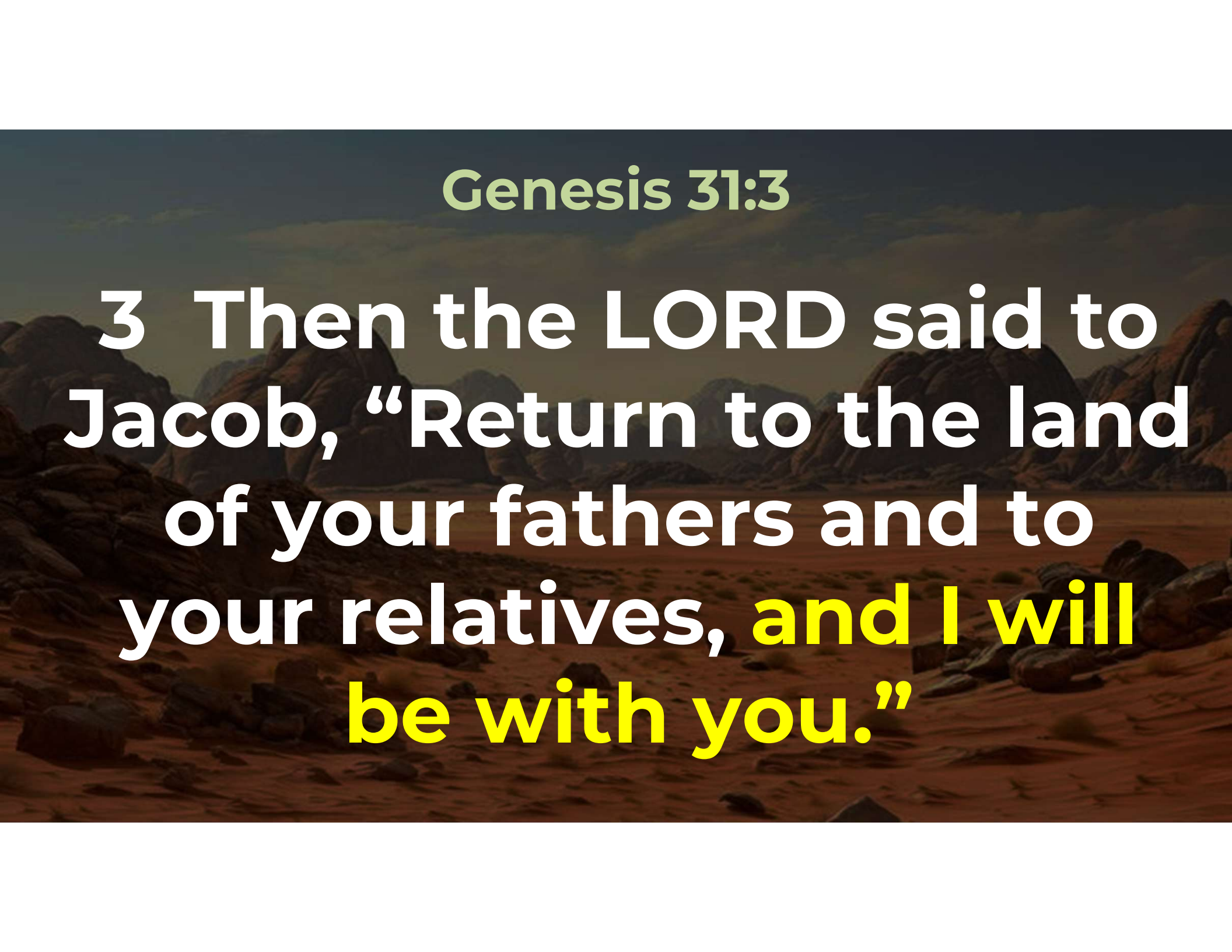


Why is it Better to Go Through Things Together?

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Me and best friend in our 80's on our way to cause utter havoc at bingo



A desert landscape with rocky hills and a hazy sky. The text is overlaid on this background.

Genesis 31:3

3 Then the LORD said to Jacob, “Return to the land of your fathers and to your relatives, and I will be with you.”

The LORD
Will Direct...

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And Be
With Us
Through The
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Genesis 31:1-18

Our With Us God...

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- God Was With Jacob Already

Genesis 28:15 “Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.”

- God Was With Jacob Blessing His Family

Genesis 29:31 Now the LORD saw that Leah was unloved, and He opened her womb, but Rachel was unable to have children.

Our With Us God...

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- **God Was With Jacob and Laban Knows it.**
Genesis 30:27 But Laban said to him, "If it pleases you at all, stay with me; I have determined by divination that the LORD has blessed me on your account."
- **God Was With Jacob And His Family Knows.**
Genesis 31:16 "Surely all the wealth which God has taken away from our father belongs to us and our children; now then, do whatever God has told you."

Biblical Truth

THE LORD
is the **With Us**
GOD!

This Means the LORD is With Us When He Directs Us!

**‘Do not fear, for I am with you;
Do not be afraid, for I am your
God. I will strengthen you, I
will also help you, I will also
uphold you with My righteous
right hand.’**

Isaiah 41:10

**“BEHOLD, THE VIRGIN WILL
CONCEIVE AND GIVE BIRTH
TO A SON, AND THEY SHALL
NAME HIM IMMANUEL,”
which translated means,
“GOD WITH US.”**

Matthew 1:23



Know The LORD
Is With Us Through
The CHANGE!

Truth Application



What is the Purpose of God's Direction?

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Pastor: we should all strive to be more like Jesus.

Me: done...



Genesis 31:13

‘I am the God of Bethel,
where you anointed a
memorial stone, **where you
made a vow to Me**; now arise,
leave this land, and **return to
the land of your birth.**’”



The LORD
Will Direct....

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Us Back
To HIM!

Genesis 31:1-18

Back To Him...

The LORD
Will Direct...

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Us Back
To HIM!

- The Lord Calls Jacob Back to Him

Genesis 31:3 Then the LORD said to Jacob, ***“Return to the land of your fathers and to your relatives, and I will be with you.”***

Back To Him...

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- Jacob See's God Calling Him Back

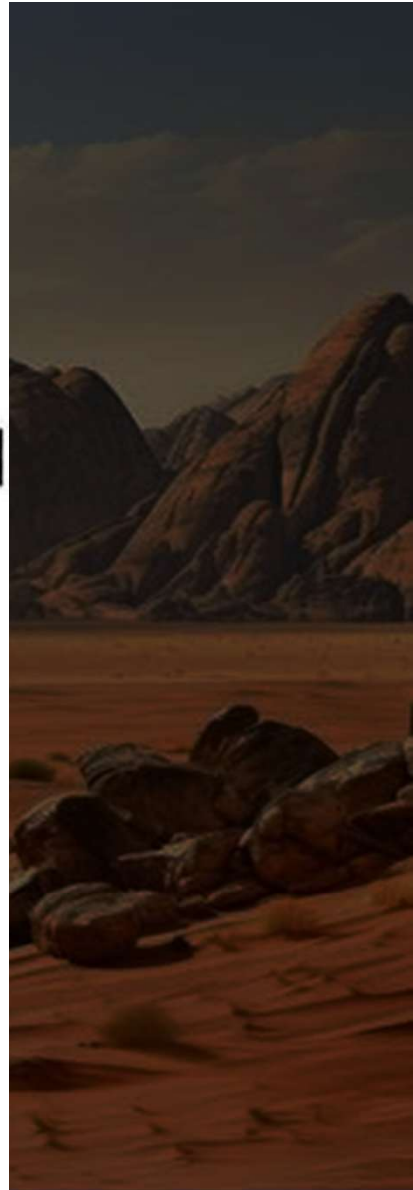
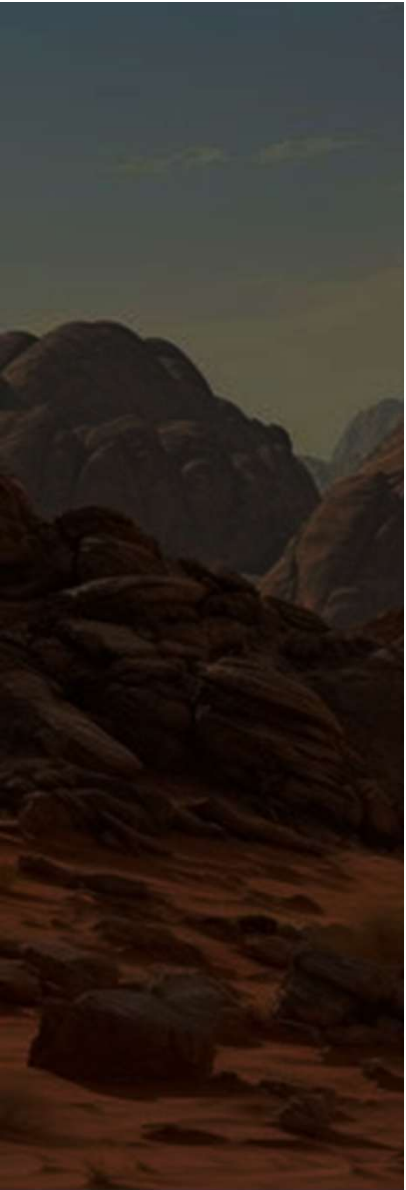
Genesis 31:4-13 So Jacob sent word and called Rachel and Leah to his flock in the field, 5 and said to them, "I see your father's attitude, that it is not friendly toward me as it was before, **but the God of my father has been with me.** 6 "You know that I have served your father with all my strength. 7 "Yet your father has cheated me and changed my wages ten times; **however, God did not allow him to do me harm.** 8 "If he said this: 'The speckled shall be your wages,' then all the flock delivered speckled; and if he said this: 'The striped shall be your wages,' then all the flock delivered striped. 9 **"So God has taken away your father's livestock and given them to me.** 10 "And it came about at the time when the flock was breeding that I raised my eyes and saw in a dream—and behold—the male goats that were mating were striped, speckled, or mottled. 11 **"Then the angel of God said to me in the dream, 'Jacob'; and I said, 'Here I am.'** 12 "He said, 'Now raise your eyes and see that all the male goats that are mating are striped, speckled, or mottled; for I have seen everything that Laban has been doing to you. 13 **'I am the God of Bethel, where you anointed a memorial stone, where you made a vow to Me; now arise, leave this land, and return to the land of your birth.'"**

The background of the image is a desert landscape with rocky mountains and a red banner at the top. The text is overlaid on the banner and the landscape.

Biblical Truth

THE LORD
Brings Us
Back To
HIM!

u know ur an adult when u get excited
to just go home lol



**“Return, you faithless
sons, I will heal your
faithlessness.” “Behold,
we come to You; For You
are the LORD our God.**

Jeremiah 3:22

“Therefore say to them, ‘This is what the LORD of armies says: **“Return to Me,” declares the LORD of armies, “that I may return to you,” says the LORD of armies.**

Zechariah 1:3

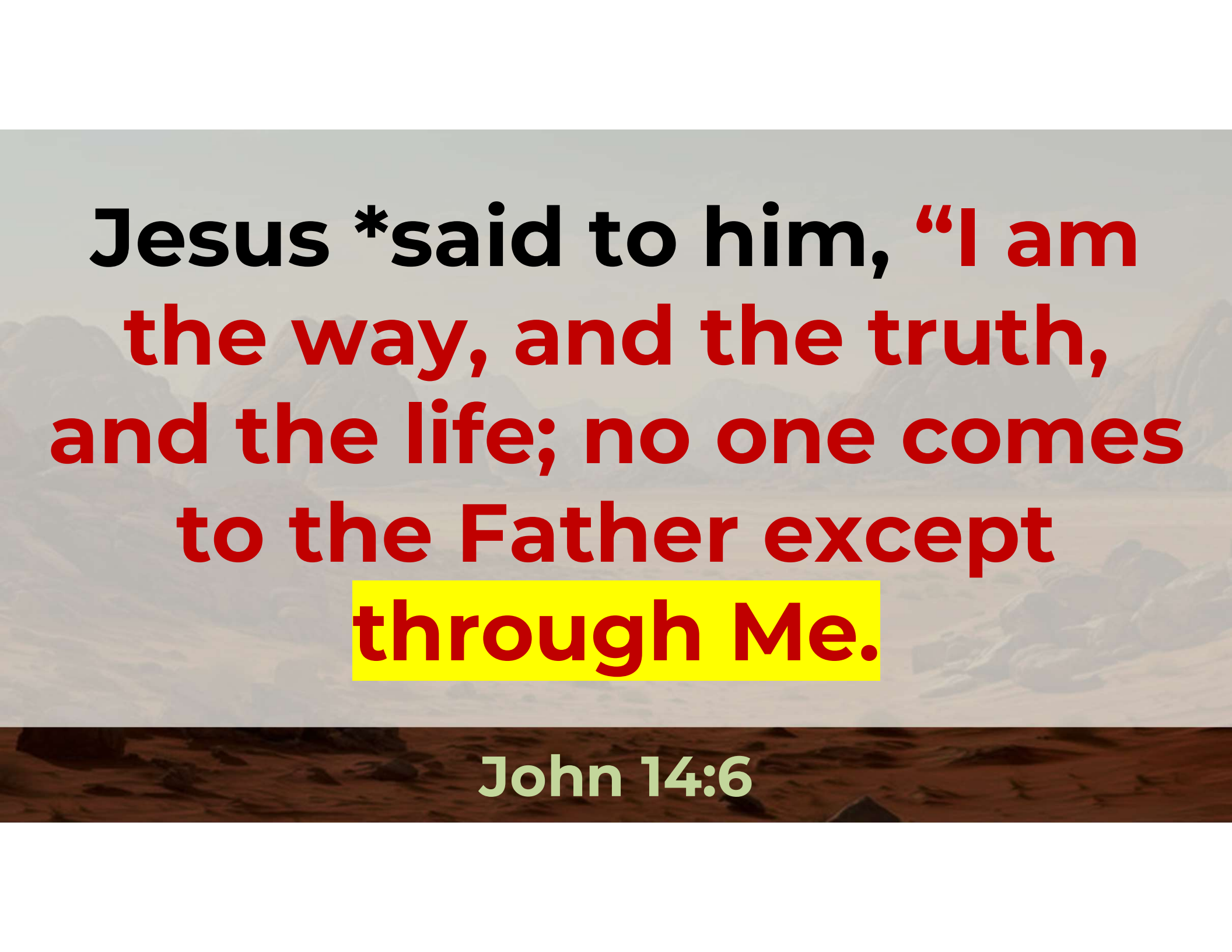
Me yelling at birds in the street to MOVE so they don't die is probably the same feeling God has watching me live my life.





The **LORD** Is
Directing
Us Back To **HIM**
Through **CHANGE!**

Truth Application



**Jesus *said to him, “I am
the way, and the truth,
and the life; no one comes
to the Father except
through Me.**

John 14:6

This Week Remember

The LORD
Will Direct!

Let Him!