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Scriptures Referenced:

- **Genesis 28:16** || *"Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place, and I did not know it."*
- **Genesis 28:12** || *"And he dreamed, and behold, there was a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven. And behold, the angels of God were ascending and descending on it!"*

Key Concepts:

- We are in a season of surprises!
- Blessing follows servanthood
- Don't become a goat (doing your own thing, goats can sneak in among the sheep)
- Goats represent the antichrist.
- Be careful cheating on tasks God gives you - you can't cut corners; demanding promotion when it isn't your time to get it.
- It's dangerous to transition without illumination!
- You've got to learn to rest in difficult places!
- You're going to have to be ok sleeping on rocks.
- You're not a dreamer until you learn to dream in the desert!
 - Prepare Yourself!
 - Build what God is calling you to build!
- There's A Word Over You!!
- God wants to be with you! Plant your feet where He places you!
- Know that God is with you, and has been following you and watching you the whole time!
- The surprise of a lifetime is: GOD IS WITH US!!
- Thank God For The Hard Place!!

Context Notes:

- Isaac's eyes had grown dim; he doesn't know when he's going to die.
 - Jacob's dad is Isaac; Isaac is about to die
 - He needs to bless His son Esau-Esau went hunting to make his father's favorite meal
 - Rebecca intercepted what Isaac wanted to do for Esau
 - She was committed to Jacob; so she hears what Isaac was to do for Esau - and wanted it for her child
 - Jacob steals Isaac's inheritance.
- Blessing follows servanthood

Meat of the Message:

- We are in a season of surprises!
- We are in the "ah ha" of God.
- Not serving in the kingdom of God births self-centered behavior.
- Distinguish between sheep and goats (symbolically); Rebecca was establishing something that was anti-order!

- Don't become a goat!
 - Stubborn
 - Move at their own pace
 - Don't let goats sneak in
 - Leaders with dim eyes can be fooled by goats.
- Be careful cheating tasks God gives you, and asking for promotions after you didn't deserve.
- It's dangerous to transition without illumination.
 - Don't transition at night if you're not sure of your next steps!
 - Pause!
 - Be still!
 - Lay down! (Luz)
 - You're on the rock because you're wrong!
- Learn to rest in difficult places.
 - Every aspect of your life will cause you to sleep on rocks seasonally.
- Build what God is calling you to build
- You aren't a dreamer until you can dream in the desert.
 - Sleeping is a helpless position.
 - God can't speak to you until you become helpless.
 - God provides your solution in your helpless season.
- God sees all, but doesn't deal with it as righteous judge!
 - God wants to deal with where you're going!
- God is gonna be with you no matter what!
 - This is the picture of GRACE!
- You can go where God says go!
- You can have what he says you can have!
- God is with you when you're RIGHT AND WRONG!
- Don't be depressed over who's not with you!
- Watch becoming depressed every time you're left behind.
- Decide to plant your feet because God is with you, even when you feel alone!
- God is with you in unfavorable circumstances.
 - In the middle of your wrong, sleeping on a rock; God was with you the whole time!
 - God can be with you the whole time and you not know it.
 - God doesn't need to let you know he's with you in order to be with you.
- It's possible for circumstances to be unchanged although God is with you.
 - The only difference is that you change.
- God is teaching us dependency on his presence and not our purchasing power.
- The hard place becomes a holy place and oil is to be poured there.
 - It's in the hard place that you see God.
 - Thank God for the hard place.
- JESUS is the ladder that Jacob saw!
 - I am the way, the Truth & the Life
 - I Am the Great I Am
 - I Am the Burning Bush
 - I am the fire that came down on Mount Carmel

- Some call Him wonderful, counselor, mighty God...
- Many are living in the contradiction where it doesn't feel like God is there - and it's feeling like Plan God isn't working!
 - Lay your heads down in this hard season and allow God to be the Deliverer.

Prophetic Declarations/Decrees:

- Your healing is here!
- We believe Your Power!
 - Your healing power!
 - Your delivering power!
 - Soul saving power!
 - Mind regulating power!
- God can! God will! God did!
- There are multiple homeowners! Gifts, surprises, knocks on the door, surprise checks, and promotions for covenant partners!
- Apostle dreamed God was giving out gifts! Healings exploding!
- THERE'S A WORD OVER YOU!
- I can go where He says I can go! I can be what He says I can be! I can have what He says I can have!
 - ...And He's not gonna leave me!
- God is with you! Even when you're wrong!
- God says I Want To Be With You!
- God is the ladder that Jacob saw!
 - The GREAT REDEEMER!
 - The GREAT I AM!
 - The GREAT FISH!
 - The GREAT FIRE!
 - BEGINNING AND THE END!
 - ROSE OF SHARON!
 - BRIGHT AND MORNING STAR!
- You MADE IT OUT WITH JOY!
- YOU DID NOT KNOW WHY YOU SURVIVED!
 - HE WILL NOT LEAVE YOU!
- Tonight, Go to sleep!
- Today, Take a nap!
- Allow God to release understanding in your pain.
- God disagrees with what removes him from your life!
- You don't have to kiss up, God is with you!
- Release divine revelation that your presence was there the whole time!
- We repent for leaving you because we couldn't see you!
- We dedicate this place as the house of BETHEL!
- We pour oil on this ROCK!
- Pour oil on your bank accounts!
- Pour oil on your in-laws!

- Oil on your city!
- Oil on your children!
- Oil on your responsibility!
- WE POUR SOME OIL!
 - YES!
- God has seen your hard place!
- There is no wrong on you! Tara and Joseph
 - It's just a hard place!
 - God will be with you!
 - He won't forsake you!
 - Open up in the name of Jesus!
 - You won't die here!
 - This hard place won't break the marriage
 - Opportunities come!
 - God is bringing back your creativity!