



TRANSFORMING TRUTH

Trends deceive. Traditions enslave. God's Truth transforms.

"Journey On"

From the Series,
"Jacob 180"

Genesis 35:16-21, 27-29
Preached Sunday PM 7/06/14
Meadow Baptist Church

1. Pressing Forward With Hope (16-17)

- a. A renewed sense of direction (16a) - "Then they journeyed from Bethel."
- b. A sovereignly appointed moment (16b) - "When they were still some distance from Ephrath, Rachel went into labor, and she had hard labor."
- c. A gift of new life (17) - "And when her labor was at its hardest, the midwife said to her, "Do not fear, for you have another son."

2. Carrying On After Shock (18-19)

- a. When life ambushes with sorrow (18a) - "And as her soul was departing (for she was dying), she called his name Ben-oni."
- b. When hope eclipses sorrow (18b) - "...but his father called him Benjamin." (**son of my right hand**)
- c. When tragedy removes choices (19) - "So Rachel died, and she was buried on the way to Ephrath (that is, Bethlehem)."

3. Continuing Ahead With Grief (20; 27-29)

- a. We are permitted to grieve (20) - "Jacob set up a pillar over her tomb. It is the pillar of Rachel's tomb, which is there to this day."
- b. We are called to continue forward (21) - "Israel journeyed on and pitched his tent beyond the tower of Eder."

- c. We are enlightened to appreciate others (27-28) - "And Jacob came to his father Isaac at Mamre, or Kiriath-arba (that is, Hebron), where Abraham and Isaac had sojourned. 28 Now the days of Isaac were 180 years."

Having recently buried two people close to his heart, Jacob made sure to spend time with Isaac in his last days.

- d. We are wise to mend relational rifts (29) - "Isaac breathed his last, and he died and was gathered to his people, old and full of days. And his sons Esau and Jacob buried him."

Two brothers whose relationship had been fractured by sin put their past behind them and honored their father.