

- I Didn't Know You Were Here!

***• 10 Now Jacob went out from Beersheba and went toward Haran. 11 So he came to a certain place and stayed there all night, because the sun had set. And he took one of the stones of that place and put it at his head, and he lay down in that place to sleep. 12 Then he dreamed, and behold, a ladder was set up on the earth, and its top reached to heaven; and there the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. 13 And behold, the Lord stood above it and said: "I am the Lord God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and your descendants. 14 Also your descendants shall be as the dust of the earth; you shall spread abroad to the west and the east, to the north and the south; and in you and in your seed all the families of the earth shall be blessed. 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 spoken to you." 16 Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place, and I did not know it." 17 And he was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven!" 18 Then Jacob rose early in the morning, and took the stone that he had put at his head, set it up as a pillar, and poured oil on top of it. 19 And he called the name of that place Bethel; but the name of that city had been Luz previously. 20 Then Jacob made a vow, saying, "If God will be with me, and keep me in this way that I am going, and give me bread to eat and clothing to put on, 21 so that I come back to my father's house in peace, then the Lord shall be my God. 22 And this stone which I have set as a pillar shall be God's house, and of all that You give me I will surely give a tenth to You." Genesis 28:10-22***

- He was the charlatan of the patriarchs. A master of sleight of hand. It did not matter what he had to do, he got what he wanted.
  - Twice he cheated his brother Esau in order to climb the family tree. He deceived his father, a trick especially dirty since his father's was almost blind, and the trick he pulled insured him a gift he would never have received otherwise.

- He is not in this place because of GOOD decisions.
  - I believe i might be talking to SOME people who have not done everything just right.
- When life isn't turning out the way you planned...

**DON'T GIVE UP ON YOUR DREAMS...**

- **Even if you didn't start off well.**
  - I wasted so many years... *I'll give you back the years...*
- **Even if those closest don't support you.**
  - My dad didn't stick around, spouse left. I hurt them... Jacob cheated his family but God still chose him.
- **Even if your journey is full of surprises.**
  - I didn't see that coming. I love a movie with a twist. God is the King of twist you didn't see coming.

**Rest**

You dream when it's dark.

You dream when you trust.

You dream in the hard places.

- "Your response to offense determines your future."

You dream when you rest.

- I'll give you the ground you're laying on. Resting...

*I'll either give you what you work for or what you rest for.*

**Focus on what happens in you not to you.**

- No meaning to the ladder.

• ***And He said to him, “Most assuredly, I say to you, hereafter you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.” John 1:51***

• Jesus the Ladder

• **Something is leaving, but something is taking its place.**

☑ **A dream will cause you to re-label your reality.**

• He called his painful place the House of God.

• He anointed his hard place

• ***Can you anoint what/who hurt you? When I anoint it I give it to God. Set apart.***

• God wants you to pour oil on something today. Family, hurt, situation...

☑ **Dream will show you what was always there.**

• be aware

• Don't limit yourself to the leadings you feel when you are in church. God wants to be with you every moment of your day. This also means that leadings can come at any time, and you need to be sensitive to that. It is too easy to start Monday morning under the blanket of human logic rather than the supernatural leadings of the Holy Spirit.

• “Every dream has tough times, but remember God is always with you.”

• **God will turn your pillow into a pillar.**

• HOW AWESOME! I didn't know you were here.

• In the funeral, hospital, court room, prison cell, unemployment line, hallway of my high school.

• **You will wake up from your sleep, not your dreams.**

• Divine activity on a ladder that brings Heaven and Earth together.

- I have come to restore divine activity with the God in Heaven and the Man on Earth.
- This is a season of Divine activity.
- **Even if it takes a long time to realize it.**