

Gnpt 67-Nvr Losng the Wndr(G33:10)

>>>We're in a vs-by-vs study of BkofGn

>& we've been stdyng stry of Jcb&Esau

*How Jcb schemed agst his brother
Esau & stole his blessing

*Hw Esau thn plotted to murder Jcb

*Hw Reb sent Jcb (for own his safety)
to her brthr(uncle)Laban in Haran

*MAP

*& thn hw Uncle Laban tricked Jcb
into marrying his oldr dghtr Leah

*Whn it was really Rachel tht he loved

>>>>LET'S PICK UP THERE

>>>>READY??

I- PASSAGE

A.Gn 30:43-"& Jcb bcame exceedngly
prosperous, & had large flocks of
cattle & camels & donkeys"

D. Gen 31:3-"Thn the Lrd said to Jcb, 'Go
back, now, to the land of yur fthrs
(PL/ Canaan), & to yur relatives, & I
will be with U.'"

E. BUT REM: Esau is still living in PL

F. Gn 32:3-" Then Jcb sent messengers
ahead of him to his brother Esau."

- G. V. 6-“& the messengers returned to Jcb, saying, ‘We came to yur brother Esau, & he is coming to meet U accompanied by 400 (armed) men’”
- H. V. 7-“Then Jcb was greatly afraid; so he divided the pple who were with him into 2 groups, saying, ‘If Esau comes agst one group & attacks it, then the other group will escape.’”
- J. V. 9-“Thn Jcb prayed & said, “O Gd of my fthr Abr, & Gd of my fthr Isaac, who told me to rturn to my country & my relatives, & U wld bless me.””
- K. V. 10-“I am unworthy of all the steadfast love & faithfulness which U hve shown me—for with only my staff I crossed this Jordan River (ie, 20 yrs ago), & now I hve bcome two grps of pple.”
- L. V. 11-“Deliver me, I pray, frm the hand of my brother Esau; for I fear him, tht he will come & attack me, & also the mothers with the c’ren.”
- M. & God answered Jcb’s prayer
 1. Bec when he & Esau finally met

2. Gn 33:4-“Esau RAN to meet Jcb,
& embraced him, & fell on Jcb’s
neck, & kissed him--& they both
wept.”

3. & B tells us--Esau & Jcb remained
“friends” for the rest of their lives

Say: “Lon—we saw all this last week!”

A: “I knw we did! **BUT**...we skipped over
one of the most impt vrses in the psg
*A verse tht I want us to come bck to
this week

*& spend some time on—here it is

N.V. 10(Jcb)-“O Lrd, I a m[SAY]unworthy
of all the steadfast love& faithfulness
which U hve shown me—fr with only
my staff I crossed this Jordan River
(ie, 20 yrs ago), & now I hve become
two grps of pple.”

1. HEB (qatan) = lit “to be little”

2.Literally(Jcb says): “O Gd, I am too
little/insignificant fr U to hve
shwn me all the generosity tht U hve

O. Now—does this surprise U...to hear
this coming from the lips of Jcb?

1. Bec it surprises ME !!

2. I mean—20 years ago--Job was the most cocky man U could imagine

3. & NOW--we hear him saying THIS??

P. Folks—Gd loves this kind of humility

1. He loves this kind of self-effacing, give-Gd-all-the-glory, stand-in-wondr -of-all Gd's done-for-us attitude

2. Lk 18:14(J)-“Fr everyone who exalts himself God will humble, but he who humbles himself Gd will exalt

3. Jmes 4:10-“Humble yurslves in the presence of the Lrd, & He WILL exalt U.”

4.1 Pt 5:6-“Humble yurslvs under the mighty hand of Gd, tht He may exalt U in due season.”

Q. We see this same attitude of humility in the life of the great man of Gd Dvd

1. In 2Sam7--Gd made a special covenant w/David ("Davidic")

2. The most impt part of this covnant
*Was Gd's prmise tht the Messiah (LJC) would be a direct descendant of David

*Which—indeed—He was!

3. But there was another part of this cov
 4. 2 Sam 7:9(Gd)-“& I will cut off yur enemies frm bfore U & will make U a great name, like the names of the great men on erth...& I will give U rest frm all yur enemies.”

5. & in 2 Sam 8—**B tells us** tht Gd indeed *kept* this promise
 *V. 1-Dvd defeats the **Philistines**
 *V. 2-He defeats the **Moabites**
 *V. 3-8--He conquers the **Syrians**
 *V. 9-10-Dvd defeats the **Hittites**
 *V 12-He cnquers the **Ammonites**
 *V 13-14-He defeats the **Edomites**

9. As 2 Sam 8 comes to a close: **MAP**

*God has neutralized evry hostile power arnd Israel

*& in the process, Gd's made Dvd the most *pwrfulldr* of his day

LEON WOOD--Survey of Israel's History:

"Dvd's authority now extended from the Gulf of Aqaba in the S all the way to the Euphrates in the North...Dvd's empire did not rival those of Egypt, Assyria or Babylon at the height of

those nations' power. But there is no doubt that Dvd was the strongest and most powerful ruler alive in his day."

- S. But **here's** wht I really want us to see
1. In 2 Sm 7...at the beginning...
 2. Whn Gd ***made*** these ***promises of greatness*** to Dvd...
 3. But **bfre** any of Gd's promises had actually been fulfilled...
 4. V. 18-"Dvd said, [SAY]'**Who am I**, O Lrd Gd, & who is my family, tht U have brot me this far"?
- T. Now--***let's skip ahead 25 yrs-1 Chr 29***
- 1.Dvd's aproaching the end of his life
 2. & he amasses a huge amt of money
 - *Fr his son (Solomon) to ***use...***
 - *In building the Temple in Jeru
 3. V. 3-(Dvd)-"In my prsnal devotion to this project, I now give my[SAY] ***prsnal treasures*** of gold & silver ***--OVER & ABOVE--***evrything I've provided outa the official treasury
 - *V 4-"3000 talents of gold & 7000 talents of silver"
 - *At tdy's prices= approx ***1.2bil***

4. & how did Dvd *feel* abt being this successful/ hvng this kinda money?
 5. 1 Chr 29:12(Dvd)-“O Lrd, both riches & honor come frm U...& in yur hand it lies to make(ple) great
 - 6.V. 14-“So[SAY]who am I...tht I shld be able to give as genrously as this?
- U. **PT:** It's one thng to say “Who am I?”
1. Whn U're a rookie king !
 2. It's a radically DIFF'T thng...
 - *To be the mst pwrful ruler in ANE
 - *To be a “bigger thn life” figure
 - *To hve a prsonal fortune tht runs into the BILLIONS of dollar...
 - 3.& STILL be saying: “Lrd who am I?”
- V. BUT THIS IS EXACTLY WHT DVD DID!
1. Even at the zenith of his power...
 2. Dvd was still as overwhelmed & awe-struck...
 3. At where Gd had taken him
 4. & what Gd had done for him
 5. As he was at the beginning!

II- SO WHAT?

- A. See-I believe tht a big part of why Gd did all the great thngs He did fr Dvd

1. & why He did the same for Jcb (as we're gonna see in rest Bk of Gen)

2. Is bec Dvd/Jcb nvr lost the "awe"...

*They nvr lost the "wonder"...

*Of Gd's undeserved mercy/grace

B. & I believe Gd loved this abt them

1. & tht it made Gd comfortable...

2. Abt showering thm w/more blesings

3. Bc He knew it wldn't go to their head

4. He knew it wldn't puff thm up

C. Now—what does this mn fr us as F's?

1. Means: if we want to see Gd flood our lives with His richest blessing...

2. WE must be pple who strive...nvr to "lose the wonder" of Gd's blessings & take thm fr granted

SAY: "Lon, why're U telling me all of this?"

*"I mn--U oughta be telling this to the Kennedys/Bufets/Gateses of wrld

*"I've nvr exper'd the kind success tht David did...tht Jacob did

APP: Listen: size of a prsn's success has no direct correlation with the size of their arrogance!

*Not kid slvs: "Arrogance can thrive

on some awfully small successes”
 SAY: OK, Lon—I hear wht U’rc saying—so
how do we stay humble/not lose the
 wonder of Gd’s goodness/mercy to us

A: Got 2 quick sugg’s

F. #1-Remember where we came from

1. 2 Sam 7:8-“Thus says the Lrd of
 hosts, ‘I took U frm the pasture,
 frm taking care of sheep...”

ILL: Where the most intelligent thing
 anybdy evr said to U was: “Baaaaa”

2.”& I made U prince ovr my pple Is

3.Gd: ”Dvd-don’t *frget* whre U came
frm/don’t *frget* where I found U!

4. & folks—we mustn’t forget either!

5.Gd fnd us ...trapped in quicksand

*Sinking in our sins

*Drowning in our guilt & shame

*On our way to hell fr all eternity

*With no one to pull us out!

6. & Gd said: “Whom shall I send &
 who will go for Us?”

7.& the living LJC/ 2nd prsn of Gdhead

*Said: “Prepare Me a body & I’ll go”

*& so He came & died on cross

- *& rescued our soul from hell
- *& rescued our life from the pit
- *& turned our *nothing-ness* into
something-ness

IL: If I hadn't done tht fr me..I'd be in jail
tdy...living on streets tdy...aimlessly
wasting my life away tdy...dead tdy

APPL: & so would many of U!

8. PT: It's alot easier to remain in awe
of whre Gd's taken us...if we nvr
lose sight of where Gd found us!

G. #2-Remember where we're headed

1. James 4:14-"Fr wht is yur life? It is
a vapor, tht appears fr a little while
& then vanishes away."
2. Appreciating our *mortality more*
*Helps us appreciate *our*
insignificance more
*Which helps us appreciate *Gd's*
amazing goodness to us more
3. I mean--Gd said to Adam(Gn 3:19)
"From *dust* U came & to *dust* U
shall return."
4. Seems to me: It's pretty hard to get
arrogant abt being "dust"!

SAY: “OK Lon—so wht’s yur goal tdy?”

A: “My goal tdy...as yur pastor...who loves U...

*Is to convince Us to “stay humble before the Lord”

*To have the attitude before the Lord tht **Jcb** had: “Lrd, I am **unworthy** of all the steadfast love & faithfulness U hve shown me.”

*To hve the attitude before the Lord tht **Dvd** had: “Lord, **who am I**, & who is my family, tht U hve brot me this far”?

>>>REM: J said(Lk 18:14): "Evryone who exalts himself Gd will humble, but he who humbles himself Gd will exalt.”

>& as yur pstr-I beg U—please be sure— tht U don’t end up on the wrong side of this equation