

## **Part Four: “Bethel Testimony”**

Genesis 35:1

Genesis 35:14-15

### **REVIEW/INTRO**

We have been challenged by the word of the Lord to go back up to Bethel, which means, “the house of God.”

As a result of Jacob leaving Bethel, and dwelling in Shechem:

- His daughter was raped
- Two of his sons became murderers
- His two wives became idolaters

Matthew 7:13-14

God has a plan for your life and a destiny for you to fulfill

Bethel is the place of:

1. An altar
2. Sanctification and holiness
3. Answered prayer
4. Where God reveals Himself
5. Weeping
6. Blessing

Bethel is also a place of **TESTIMONY**

### **1. What is a \_\_\_\_\_ Testimony?**

That stone pillar would be a testimony and a memorial that Jacob belonged to God

That’s what a testimony is – it speaks to others around us

This is a Bethel Testimony – I have encountered God, and He has transformed me

### **2. A Bethel Testimony will stand the test of \_\_\_\_\_.**

Because it was made of stone, generations that followed after him would know – Jacob belonged to God

God wants us to go back to Bethel...

- So we will have a testimony so obvious to people that there will be no question about what it represents

What do people say about you?

- What kind of memorial are you leaving behind you?
- Do they know you’ve had a God encounter?
- Has there been enough change that people will ask, “what has happened to you?”
- Or does your life say you still live under an oak tree down in the valley of Shechem?

### **3. A Bethel Testimony says, “God spoke \_\_\_\_\_. ”**

Genesis 35:14-15

Bethel is the place where God talks to His people

- The problem is not that God isn’t speaking, it’s that people are not listening
- The reason some are not hearing is that they are not in the place where God can speak

Maybe you haven’t heard God talk, because it never dawned on you that He wants to talk with you

God still talks! He wants to move us back to that place where:

- We will expect Him to talk, and
- Where we will listen

### **4. The Bethel Testimony is that of absolute \_\_\_\_\_.**

Genesis 35:14

The drink offering is an Old Testament symbol of how Jesus poured Himself out in total brokenness and complete submission

- Luke 22:42
- When Jesus prayed that prayer, He poured out his drink offering unto God

It is in the agony of the struggle of your will against the will of God where:

- The testimony is built and
- The victory of life comes

### **5. The last thing about the Bethel Testimony is the \_\_\_\_\_.**

Genesis 35:14

In nearly every Old Testament reference to oil, the oil symbolizes the Holy Spirit

The anointing of the Holy Spirit was:

- Saying this person is fit and chosen for service
- A picture of the supernatural enablement to fulfill a calling or purpose

Oil also represents JOY

- Isaiah 61:1-3

### **Wrap-Up... A Bethel Testimony is one that:**

1. Says, “I belong to God – I have had a God encounter and my life has been transformed!”
2. Endures for generations after me, because of how I lived my life
3. Says, “I am pouring out my life as a drink offering to God.”
4. Says, “There is great anointing in serving Him, and great joy!”