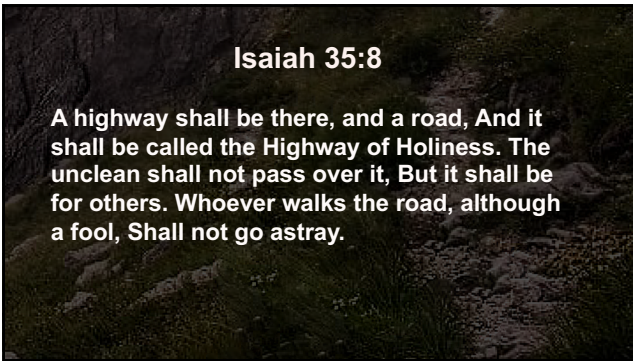
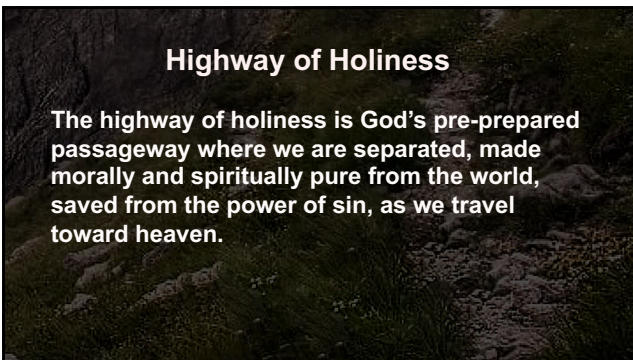




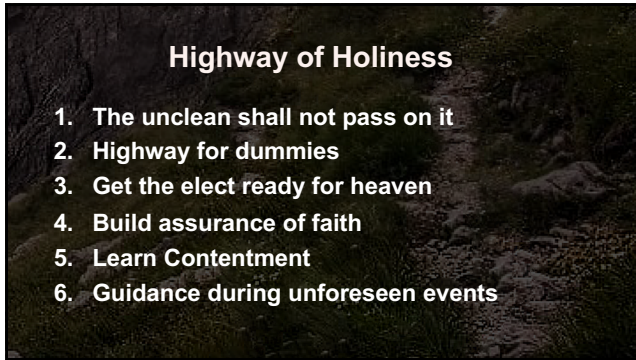
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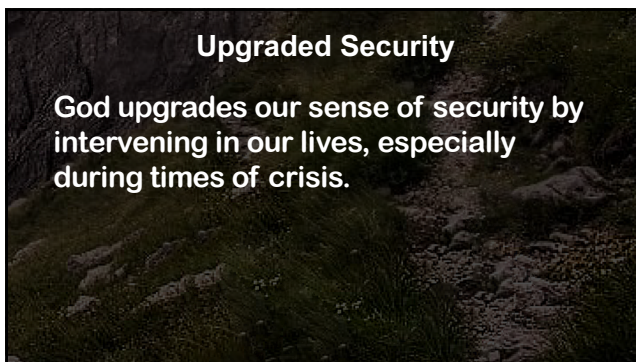
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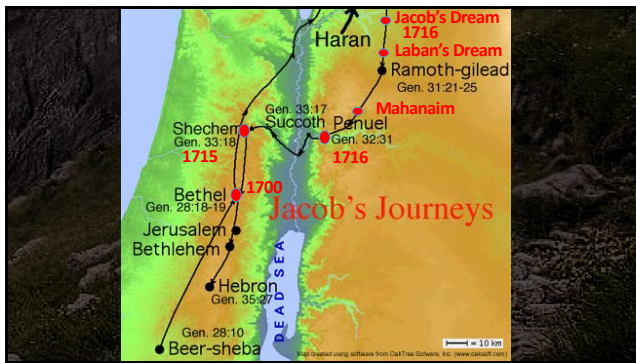
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Hearty Heroic Men

Hearty, heroic, compassionate, fearless martyrs must the men be who take hold of and shape a generation for God. If they be timid time servers, place seekers, if they be men pleasers or men fearers, if their faith has a weak hold on God or his Word, if their denial be broken by any phase of self or the world, they cannot take hold of the Church nor the world for God.

E.M. Bounds

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Genesis 33:18-20

18 Then Jacob came safely to the city of Shechem, which is in the land of Canaan, when he came from Padan Aram; and he pitched his tent before the city. 19 And he bought the parcel of land, where he had pitched his tent, from the children of Hamor, Shechem's father, for one hundred pieces of money. 20 Then he erected an altar there and called it El Elohe Israel.

10

Jacob After Safety From Esau

- 1. Went to Shechem not Bethel
- 2. Bought the land indicating that he planned to stay and not sojourn
- 3. Built an altar to the Lord El-elohe-Israel

11

Altar named El-Elohe-Israel

Hebrew phrase meaning "God, the God of Israel." This name signifies a personal acknowledgment and dedication to God by Jacob, one of the patriarchs of Israel. It reflects a deep, personal relationship with God and an acknowledgment of His sovereignty and faithfulness.

12

The Aftermath of Great Victory lies Danger

"Don't try to predict how temptation will come; peril lies in the least likely thing. It is in the aftermath of a great spiritual transaction that the sphere of the small and seemingly insignificant begins to exert itself. It doesn't become dominant, but if we don't remember that it is there, if we don't remember to warn ourselves about it, it will trip us up."
-Oswald Chambers

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Psalm 3:1-3

1 Lord, how they have increased who trouble me! Many are they who rise up against me. 2 Many are they who say of me, "There is no help for him in God." Selah 3 But You, O Lord, are a shield for me, My glory and the One who lifts up my head

14

My Glory

Glory in this context is where we get our self-esteem, our self-worth, our sense of personal value. My Glory means the attributes that we feel distinguish us as valuable and important.

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The Lord is my Glory

"The Lord is my glory" means that our relationship with God and His people is what give us the most sense of value and importance.

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| Sources of Self-Esteem | |
|------------------------|--|
| Thoughts | Personal beliefs and self-talk |
| Relationships | Supportive relationships with family, friends, and peers |
| Experiences | Achievements and failures |
| Culture | Cultural norms and values |
| Societal Status | Socioeconomic status, education, and social roles |

17

Genesis 35:1

1 “God said to Jacob, “Arise, go up to Bethel and dwell there. Make an altar there to the God who appeared to you when you fled from your brother Esau”

18

Security in God

It was dangerous for Jacob to set out to Bethel, but it was more dangerous for him to disobey God. The only thing that could save him was a radical obedience to the LORD. No matter what the circumstances look like, the safest thing to do is the will of God.

19

Genesis 35

6 And Jacob came to Luz (that is, Bethel), which is in the land of Canaan, he and all the people who were with him, 7 and there he built an altar and called the place El-bethel, because there God had revealed himself to him when he fled from his brother.

20

Genesis 35

8 And Deborah, Rebekah's nurse, died, and she was buried under an oak below Bethel. So he called its name Allon-bacuth.

21

Genesis 35

9 God appeared to Jacob again, when he came from Paddan-aram, and blessed him. 10 And God said to him, "Your name is Jacob; no longer shall your name be called Jacob, but Israel shall be your name." So he called his name Israel.

22

Genesis 32:28

“Then the man said, ‘Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with men and have prevailed.’”

Jacob = “Heal Grabber” Supplanter

Israel = “He strives with God” or “God strives”

Identity change comes after encounter, not before

23

Location Is Part of Calling

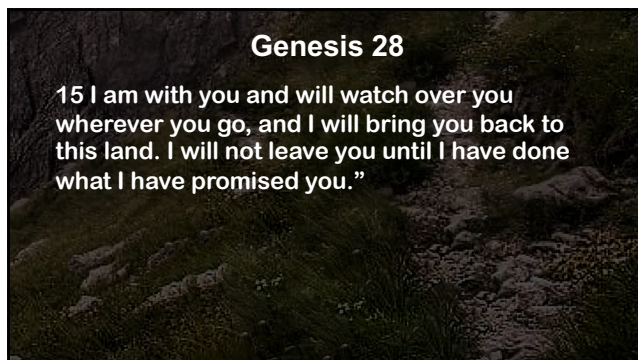
When Jacob finally arrived at the place God told him to go (Bethel), he immediately found great blessing. God appeared to him, God blessed him, protected him and God called him by his new name (Israel).

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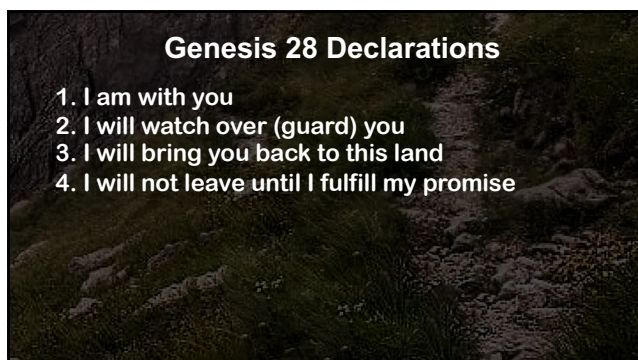
Genesis 35

11 And God said to him, “I am God Almighty: be fruitful and multiply. A nation and a company of nations shall come from you, and kings shall come from your own body. 12 The land that I gave to Abraham and Isaac I will give to you, and I will give the land to your offspring after you.”

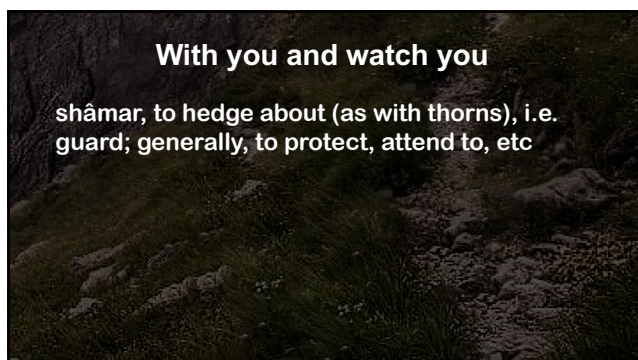
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Security in Self or in Christ

Leaning on self-effort creates fear and striving in our dealings with people along with a careless attitude toward our relationship with God. We worry about doing and saying all the right things with people.

Leaning on our relationship with Christ produces peace in our dealings on earth and it causes a holy fear of doing or saying anything that will diminish our relationship with God.

29

Genesis 35

13 Then God went up from him in the place where he had spoken with him. 14 And Jacob set up a pillar in the place where he had spoken with him, a pillar of stone. He poured out a drink offering on it and poured oil on it. 15 So Jacob called the name of the place where God had spoken with him Bethel.

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Ultimate Surrender

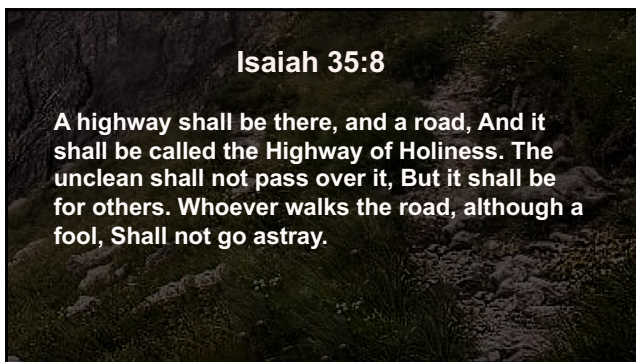
Theological facts are like the altar of Elijah on Carmel before the fire came, correct, properly laid out, but altogether cold. When the heart makes the ultimate surrender, the fire falls...

- A. W. Tozer

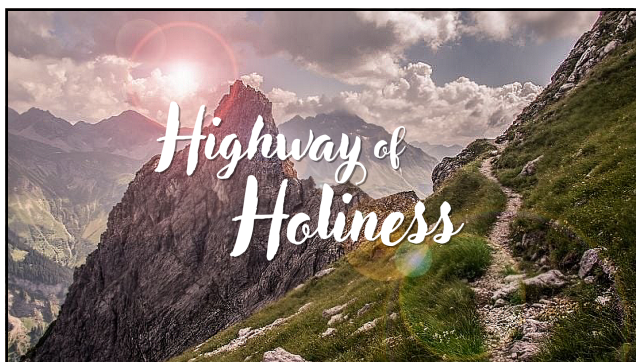
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