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2 Timothy 1:12

...for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that day what has been entrusted to me.


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Entrusted

a deposit, a trust or thing consigned to one's faithful keeping


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Steward of God's Children

Parents are entrusted as a steward over their children because ultimately they are God's children.


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Sources of Insecurity

1. Person: Body, Soul, Spirit
2. Family
3. Finances
4. Calling/Career
5. Religious Heritage


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2 Timothy 1:13-14

¹³ Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴ By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.

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His Career

I wish to thank my parents for making it all possible...and I wish to thank my children for making it necessary.

- Victor Borge


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Isaiah 48:17

Thus says the Lord, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: "I am the Lord your God, who teaches you to profit, who leads you in the way you should go.

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Secure Path

God secures the path for our family by teaching us to lead spiritually.

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Firsts of Shechem


1. First stop of Abraham
2. First stop by Jacob
3. First promise of land to children
4. First stop by Joshua
5. Last stop by Joshua – the witness stone

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Genesis 34

³⁰ Then Jacob said to Simeon and Levi, “You have brought trouble on me by making me stink to the inhabitants of the land, the Canaanites and the Perizzites. My numbers are few, and if they gather themselves against me and attack me, I shall be destroyed, both I and my household.” ³¹ But they said, “Should he treat our sister like a prostitute?”


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Jacob's Children

Leah	Bilhah	Rachel	Zilpah
1. Reuben	5. Dan	11. Joseph	7. Gad
2. Simeon	6. Naphtali	12. Benjamin	8. Asher
3. Levi			
4. Judah			
9. Issachar			
10. Zebulun			
Dinah			


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Genesis 35

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." ² So Jacob said to his household and to all who were with him, "Put away the foreign gods that are among you and purify yourselves and change your garments."


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Secure Path

1. Security through spiritual strength


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Arise

to rise, arise, stand, rise up, stand up,
to become powerful, establish the
covenant


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Shechem

Shechem was the place of greatest
danger encountered by Jacob. It also
became the place of where Jacob
discovered how to lead his family
spiritually out of danger.


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Secure Path

1. Secure with spiritual strength
2. Secure with holiness


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All Those With Him

1. Children
2. Wives
3. Handmaidens
4. Servants
5. Non-male residents of Shechem


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Dethrone

1. Put away foreign gods
2. Purify yourself
3. Change your garments
4. Let's build an altar (God's throne)

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Parenting is an Art

**“Parenting is the art of lovingly
dethroning your children”**

- Jeff Manion


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Psalm 37:23

**The steps of a man are established by
the Lord, when he delights in his way;**


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teaching us to lead spiritually.**


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Secure Path

1. Secure with spiritual strength
2. Secure with holiness
3. Secure with spiritual weapons


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Genesis 35

³ Then let us arise and go up to Bethel, so that I may make there an altar to the God who answers me in the day of my distress and has been with me wherever I have gone.” ⁴ So they gave to Jacob all the foreign gods that they had, and the rings that were in their ears. Jacob hid them under the terebinth tree that was near Shechem.


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Genesis 48:22

²² Moreover, I have given to you [Joseph] rather than to your brothers one mountain slope [Shekem] that I took from the hand of the Amorites with my sword and with my bow.”


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Sword and Bow

The Jewish sages say that Jacob’s terms “sword and bow” refer to his “prayers and supplications” before God. Jacob recognized that anything done on a physical level had a spiritual cause.


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Sword and Bow

According to Jacob, prayers and supplications are the real instruments in life, and they are the cause for our victories and successes.


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James 5:16

Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.

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Finding our security in Christ

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