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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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Philippians 2:13


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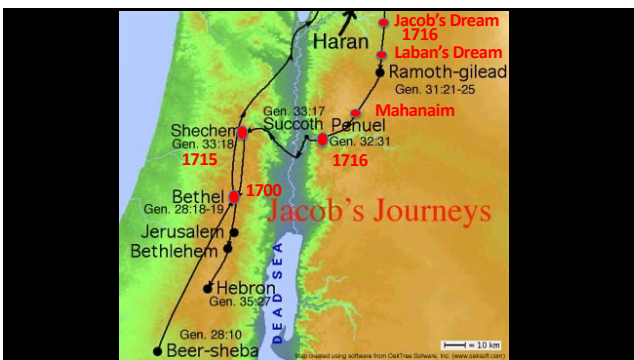
for it is God who works in you, both to will **[our want to]** and to work **[our calling]** for his good pleasure.

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 **Secure Calling**

God secures our calling by returning us to the joy of our salvation

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Genesis 35

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


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Worship With No Presence

Jacob built an altar at Shechem, calling it El-elohe-Israel “the mighty God of Israel”, but there’s no record of God showing up. Jacob didn’t stop sacrificing or enjoying the Lord’s protection and prosperity, but Jacob settled for worship without God’s presence.


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Arise, Build, Dwell

Arise = to rise, stand, stand up, wake up, establish the covenant
Build = to make, to build, to labor at something
Dwell = to remain; to settle, to marry, abide, establish


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Secure Calling

1. Arise in our will to worship


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Measure Your Delight

“People do not awaken to how desperate their condition is until they measure their hearts by [their level of delight]...nothing shows the direction of the deep winds of the soul like the demand for radical, sin-destroying, Christ-exalting joy in God.”
- John Piper


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Genesis 35

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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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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Lose the Joy of Salvation

When routine worship takes the place of real worship, we don't lose our salvation but we often lose the joy of our salvation.


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Will To Worship

1. Preparation: **Change Clothes**
2. Purity: **Remove Idols**
3. Purpose: **Experience more of God**


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Secure Calling

1. **Arise** in our will to worship
2. **Build** an altar to deepen worship


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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.


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Altar Called El-Bethel

1. Reminds of what God has done
2. Recommit to the promise of what God will do
3. Pursue His Presence
4. Invite others to join us

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Wonder Precedes Worship

We exist to savor the God we have seen. And that precedes all work and labor and toil and service. If wonder doesn't precede work, work will become wearisome. But God does not mean to weary his people: the joy of the Lord is your strength. Savoring comes before serving.

- John Piper


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Secure Calling

1. **Arise** in our will to worship
2. **Build** an altar to deepen worship
3. **Dwell** in the presence of beauty


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Beauty Increases Value

1. Lake
2. Ocean
3. Mountain
4. Valley
5. City

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Pursue the Beauty of Presence

To glorify something or someone is to praise, enjoy, and delight in them. When something is useful you are attracted to it for what it can bring you or do for you. But if it is beautiful, then you enjoy it simply for what it is. Just being in its presence is its own reward.

-Tim Keller


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Revelation 21:3

And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God.


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Knowledge and Experience

Knowledge of God's Word grows our faith. Experience of the beauty of God's presence and goodness grows our love.


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Beauty Changes Our Work

Our pleasure and our Duty
Though Opposite Before,
Since We Have Seen His Beauty
Are Joined To Part No More
- John Newton


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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.


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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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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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Drink Offering

The primary Levitical offerings were animals, birds, grains such as wheat or baked flour, wine and olive oil. God ordained with each sacrificial offering, there should also be a drink offering. It had to be wine, poured out together with the offering. It was a cup of Remembrance.

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Finding our security in Christ

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