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By faith Jacob, when he was dying, blessed each of Joseph's sons, and worshiped as he leaned on the top of his staff. Hebrews 11:21 NIV

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. Hebrews 11:1 NIV

By faith, when Jacob came to the end of his life, he was certain about two things:

- 1. That God was worthy of his worship. He was certain of it.**
- 2. That God would fulfill his promises through his offspring. He was sure of it.**

So how did Joseph get to this place in his life?

2 important questions:

1. What about this passage of scripture is weird?
2. Where is the trouble within this passage?

So, in thinking about the Jacob narrative in Genesis 28 – 33, what is weird here?

Where is the trouble within this passage?

Genesis 28:20-21 CEV

Jacob made a solemn promise: "If God is with me and protects me on this trip I'm taking, and gives me bread to eat and clothes to wear, and I return safely to my father's household, 21 then the Lord will be my God."

1. Jacob's conditional agreement to the covenant of God at Bethel. The schemer is scheming with God. He's trying to make a deal with God.
2. Jacob's character flaws are overwhelming.

How will all this trouble and all these character flaws be resolved in Jacob's life?