



Series: Genesis: The Foundations for the Coming of Christ

Title: Ruin and Revival

Scripture: Genesis 34-36

September Memory Verse: *"So you, by the help of your God, return, hold fast to love and justice, and wait continually for your God."* **Hosea 12:6**

How to seriously wound your family without trying to:

1. Focus on the sensible things, not the spiritual things. (Gen. 33:17-20)
 - a. Nice house in a nice area. (v. 17)
 - b. Physical safety. (v. 18a)
 - c. Recreation and entertainment. (vs. 18b-19)
 - d. Ask God to bless your efforts. (v. 20) Adding the spiritual element.



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2. Focus on being liked by others, not being a leader. (Passive parenting) (Gen. 34:1-30)
 - a. Do not bring up God and His Word. (God is not mentioned at all in Gen. 34)
 - b. Do not address what they do or where they go (let them do what they want). (Gen. 34:1-4)
 - c. Do not talk about trauma or hold people accountable. (Gen. 34:5-12)
 - d. Do not call out sin in others especially if you are guilty of the same sin. (Gen. 34:13-29)
3. Focus on your reputation, not righteousness. (Gen. 34:30-31; 49:5-7)

How to spiritually restore your family in your brokenness:

1. Focus on God and His Word, not your failures. (Gen. 35)
 - a. Hear God through His Word and prayer. (v. 1)
 - b. Tell your family what God says. (v. 2)
 - c. Go with God and do what He says. (vs. 5-15)
2. Focus on gospel grace and truth, not your sinful condition. (Gen. 35)
 - a. God has given you a new name. (vs. 9-10)
 - b. God has given you His power and His mission. (v. 11)
 - c. God has given you promises to hold onto. (vs. 12-13)
 - d. God has given you reminders of His gospel grace. (vs. 12-15)
3. Focus on Gospel Kingdom hope, not personal loss. (Gen. 35)
 - a. Birth and death point to Jesus' coming. (vs. 16-21)
 - b. People we love will still sin but redemption points to Jesus. (vs. 22-26)
 - c. The wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Jesus Christ. (vs. 27-29)
 - d. Even when we forget God, God remembers His promise (God multiplies Esau) and redeems and restores. (v. 29)