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UNLIKELY prace GOD'S GRACE IN THE LIVES OF IMPERFECT PEOPLE



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Melodic Line of Genesis: Despite the failure of God's covenant people, God's purposes and plans will come to fulfilment, not through the faithfulness of others but through the faithfulness of God.

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Part 11: Spiritual Renewal or Spiritual Standstill?
Genesis 35:1-37:1

If there is one consideration more humbling than another to a spiritually-minded believer, it is, that, after all God has done for him, - after all the rich displays of his grace, the patience and tenderness of his instructions, the repeated discipline of his covenant, the tokens of love received, and the lessons of experience learned, there should still exist in the heart a principle, the tendency of which is to secret, perpetual, and alarming departure from God. Truly, there is in this solemn fact, that which might well lead to the deepest self-abasement before Him. - Octavius Winslow. Personal Declension and Revival of Religion in the Soul.

BIG IDEA:	
One final pair of contrasts that will either help us in the pursuit of spiritual renewal:	
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(35:9-15)			
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6:1-43)			
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(36:1-5)			
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(36:6-19)			
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(36:20-34)			

What to do right after the service to help "the Word dwell more richly," within us (Colossians 3:16):

- 1. Instead of rushing off after the service is over, or talking about the latest news, develop the habit of talking about the sermon with people after church. Start spiritual conversations by asking, "How did the Scripture challenge or speak to you today?" Or "what about God in the message encouraged you?"
- 2. Encourage someone by sharing things you learned about God from His Word during the sermon. Make note of how your thinking has changed. Don't let biblical teaching be a one-time event that fades from memory as soon as it is over (James 1:22-25). Choose one or two particular applications to share.

MINING THE MESSAGE

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION AND FURTHER RESOURCES TO DIG DEEPER



REFLECTION QUESTIONS FOR MIDWEEK

What is one observation from this week's text that caught your attention?

What was one truth from this week's message that spoke to you? Why did this stand out to you?
What is one area of this week's message that raised some questions for you?
What one practical step of obedience do you need to take in light of this message?
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DIGGING DEEPER
Resources to help you think deeper about this week's Bible message. Recommended resources are not an endorsement of all the authors have said or written.
Something to Read: Personal Decl Something to Listen to: Violence and Violation - Matt Crawford (available from www.youtube.com) Life in a Lawless Land - Jordan Neal Rogers (available from www.youtube.com)

NEXT WEEK

Unlikely Grace #11- Genesis 35:1-36:43