



Who is in control of everything? God is in control of everything in heaven and on earth. Nothing is outside of God's plan.

Week 48: July 13, 2025

Bible Story Point: God Promised to be with Jacob.

Key Passage: You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. (Genesis 50:20)

Sunday Night: (Preschool & Children)

Jacob Fled from Canaan (Genesis 28 & 32)

In today's passage, God continued His faithfulness to Abraham by extending kindness to Jacob amidst a time of great turmoil. God promised to bless Jacob, be with him, watch over him, and never leave him until His faithful promises had been fulfilled. Jacob found himself at a crossroads, seemingly alone, and was tasked with finding a wife in accordance with God's plan to bless their family.

What can we learn from Jacob's time of trial and his wrestling with God? How can this help us when we are suffering or wrestling with God ourselves?

After receiving his father's blessing, Jacob was instructed by his mother and father to flee Esau's wrath and find a wife. While on the run, God visited Jacob in a dream by which He confirmed the promises He had made to Abraham. Even in Jacob's sinfulness, God's faithful lovingkindness was shown to him as God declared that His covenantal promises would continue through Jacob's family. Then, Jacob made a vow, just as God had made one to him: "If God remains with me, watches over me, provides for me, and returns me safely as He says He will, then He will be my God."

Later in chapter 32, we see the next phase of Jacob's journey with God, as he wrestled with Him unknowingly. Jacob said to the man, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." The man—whom we know to be God—changed Jacob's name from that of a deceiver to "Israel" Israel, meaning "He struggled with God." Despite Jacob's struggles with God, he prevailed and was blessed by Him. In the end, Jacob realized that God spared his life in this encounter. By grace, he was granted a new name and identity and was able to return home.

Today, we come to a similar crossroads as we wrestle with the role Jesus deserves in our lives as Savior and Lord. Those who surrender to Him by faith can, like Israel, experience new life in He who redeems and restores sinners, bringing them into His family forever. No longer are we bound by our old selves but given a new identity in Jesus.

- Why did Jacob leave Canaan? His brother was angry for Jacob receiving the blessing
- Where did Jacob go? To Haran
- What did Jacob use as a pillow? A Rock
- What did God tell Jacob in a dream? He would receive the land where he was sleeping and his family will spread into every direction and be blessed.
- When Jacob awoke, what did he call the place? Bethel—means "House of God"
- How do you identify yourself as a believer? Deep in Faith, Living on the Fence, or Causal Believer
- What would help you and your family grow spiritually?

Practice: Say (Memorize) Key passage

Pray: Thank God for revealing the reality of the new life He offers in Jesus. Ask God to help you understand His ways, God gives you grace as you come to surrender to His will for your lives. May His truth become clear in your hearts and minds as you continue to live out His love.

Wednesday Night, July 16—Board Games in the Castle 6:00—7:15

Saturday Night: (Preschool & Children)

Take a few minutes to debrief last Sunday's lesson.

Preview for Sunday, July 13th

Joseph Taken to Egypt (Genesis 37-46 & 50)

- Who was Jacob/Israel's favorite son? Joseph
- What did Joseph's jealous brothers do? Sell him into slavery
- Where did Joseph end up going? Egypt, at Potiphar's house.
- How did Joseph end up in jail? Potiphar's wife lied about Joseph
- How did Joseph get out of jail? Interpreted the Kings dream about 7 years of plenty followed by 7 years of famine and the King put Joseph in charge.
- When did Joseph's brothers find him? When they came looking for food for the famine.
- How did Joseph ultimately treat his brothers? Loved them and told them to move to Egypt.

Upcoming Activities:

July 12-18	Rock Springs Mission Trip	
July 16	Board Game Night w/ Snack in the Castle	6:00—7:15
July 23	Prep night for Black light night	6:00—7:15
July 30	Black light night	6:00—7:15
Aug 5	Parents Guide to Middle Schoolers	6:00 Youth Center
Aug 6	Lake Night / Boynton Home (Family Event)	6:00 – 7:30
Aug.10	5th Grade Lake Party w/Youth	1:00 – 4:30
Aug 13	Rockwood Go Carts & Mini Golf	5:15 – 9:00PM
	Go Carts / Mini Golf \$8 each	
Aug 17	Promotion Sunday	
Aug 20	Parent Meeting for Wednesday Nights	6:00 – 7:00
Aug. 27	Preschool / Children Wednesday Nights begins	6:00 – 7:30

