

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

Rise Up

... to Faith – Genesis 35

Discussion Points

October 17, 2021

Read/Reflect

1. Review the Jacob story in Genesis 28-35, Take note of Jacob's dream experience at Bethel in ch.28, and then read Genesis 35:1-7. With the two Bethel experiences as bookends to the Jacob story, what do you learn about God?

Explore

2. What's the most outrageous promise you've ever made? What gave you the incentive to make such a promise?

<input type="checkbox"/> Love	<input type="checkbox"/> Simply a whim
<input type="checkbox"/> Willing to risk	<input type="checkbox"/> Desperation
<input type="checkbox"/> Possible benefit	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
3. What causes you to renege on promises

<input type="checkbox"/> Loss of faith or trust	<input type="checkbox"/> Never really meant the promise
<input type="checkbox"/> Another distraction	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Forgetfulness	
4. What strengthens your faith and reminds you of your commitments to God, even when you don't "feel" it?

<input type="checkbox"/> Worship services	<input type="checkbox"/> Fellowship with others
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal Devotions	<input type="checkbox"/> A walk in the woods
<input type="checkbox"/> Daily life and work	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
5. How has the pandemic experience shaped your faith? Or - among all the promises of God, which ones do you hang on to, and which ones do you tend to forget?

Pray

- ✝ Renew your commitment to God in prayer, keep it simple, pray for the Spirit to refresh you.
- ✝ Choose a promise of God from the following texts and talk it over with God:
 - a) why you love that promise,
 - b) why you don't trust God with that promise,
 - c) what you expect from God in that promise.

[Joshua 1:9](#); [Psalm 37:4](#); [Proverbs 3:5-6](#); [Isaiah 40:31](#); [Jeremiah 29:11](#); [Matthew 6:33](#); [Matthew 11:28-30](#); [Luke 11:9-13](#); [John 3:16](#); [John 14:1-3](#); [John 15:5](#); [Philippians 4:6-7](#); [1 John 1:9](#);

