

LIVING THE DREAM

GENESIS 27:41-28:22

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No matter the **MESS** or how far we **RUN**, (27:41-28:9)

Rebekah's scheme 27:41-46

Isaac's blessing 28:1-9

↓ God still **PURSUES US** (28:10-15)

God's pursuing presence 28:12 John 1:47-51; 14:6

God's promise 28:13-15 Genesis 12:1-3; Hebrews 13:5-6

↑ to trust him on **HIS TERMS**. (28:16-22)

Jacob's response 28:16-22

our response Romans 10:8-13



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Study Guide

Questions & Scripture for Further Study

What is this? – Each week people from Wawasee Bible meet in small groups in various homes to learn about Jesus, pray, eat, laugh, & live life together. **We call them Life Groups.** The questions here are based on the sermon each week (often a related part of Scripture), and guide each group's study. If you're interested in connecting with a Life Group, let us know on a Connect Card or at the Connect Desk!

Welcome to Life Group!

Getting to Know You

Part of our goal at Life Group is just learning more about each other. Toward that end, take some time to catch up with each other as you gather.

If it helps, here's a question to discuss and get you going. Have everyone answer:

What is the biggest trouble/mess you've ever found yourself in?

Digging Deeper – A Bible Study

Use this guide for further personal and group study this week. For the most impact in your life and in your group, *work through it on your own before you gather with your Life Group.* If your Life Group isn't gathering this week, use this guide for further study personally.

1. Take some time to review your message notes. Looking back, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you this week? *Discuss it with your group before moving on.*
2. **Read Genesis 27:41.** What all is in the background of this statement by Esau? To help you answer this, in the space below, list everything you know about this family (Isaac, Rebekah, and their sons Esau and Jacob). (You might read back through Genesis 24-27, search on gotquestions.org, Google, or app.logos.com.)

- This is the family from which God still plans to bless all people, and through whom Jesus would come. Does that encourage you or give you hope? In what ways?

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WELCOME TO WAWASEE!

This is who we hope you grow to *become* at Wawasee Bible...

If I'm truly growing as a follower of Jesus, I should be growing in the ways that I am...



1 | **Receiving From God.**

Am I reading the Word regularly? When am I gathering to hear the Word taught? What fruit of the Spirit do I see growing in my life?



2 | **Responding To God.**

How am I talking to and listening to God regularly? What are some healthy spiritual habits I'm working on (things like giving, scripture memory, repentance, rest, etc.)?



3 | **Receiving From Others.**

Where and how am I in community/friendship with other Christians in our church who have a window to speak into my life?



4 | **Moving Toward Others.**

How and where am I contributing to and initiating community with other Christians in our church? (Or am I only consuming?)



5 | **Going to those Far from God.**

How am I regularly going toward those who are far from God—loving them, sharing God's Story and my own story? When was the last time I shared God's story and/or my faith story? Who is on my PEARL list?

WORD FIND IN THE WORD

Find the words from a passage related to this week's message.

Word Find: John 1:47-51 (ESV)

Find the words **bolded** below.

⁴⁷ **Jesus** saw **Nathanael coming** toward him and **said** of him, "**Behold**, an **Israelite indeed**, in whom **there** is no **deceit!**" ⁴⁸ **Nathanael said** to him, "How do you **know** me?" **Jesus answered** him, "Before **Philip called** you, when you were under the **fig tree**, I saw you." ⁴⁹ **Nathanael answered** him, "**Rabbi**, you are the Son of God! You are the **King of Israel!**" ⁵⁰ **Jesus answered** him, "**Because I said** to you, 'I saw you under the **fig tree**,' do you **believe**? You will see **greater things** than these." ⁵¹ And he **said** to him, "**Truly, truly**, I say to you, you will see **heaven opened**, and the **angels** of God **ascending** and **descending** on the Son of Man."

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- After fleeing from home to save his life, Jacob found himself alone, broke, and undoubtedly feeling abandoned by God. Then God showed up in a dream and revealed his plan, provision, and protection for him. At times we can also begin to think or feel that God isn't there for us or he isn't coming through as he promised. How does **2 Kings 6:8-17** encourage you to remember God is active in these kinds of situations beyond what you know?
 - Have you ever had a situation similar to the servant where you sensed God's presence or purpose being carried out far beyond what you initially thought?
 - How could **Philippians 1:3-6** build your confidence as a follower of Jesus?
- We heard again this weekend that God is faithful to keep his promises. Jacob wanted to maintain control, though, and put some conditions on God. But what is actually true is that some of God's promises come with an "if" clause, meaning there is something we need to do in order to experience the promise. In the following passages, identify the promise God is making and what our responsibility is to see the promise fulfilled.

John 15:5-8 1

John 1:6-10

Matthew 11:28-30

- Which of these responsibilities is hardest for you to do?

Taking it Home

Pastor Josh pointed out this weekend that Jesus said he is the ladder that Jacob saw in his dream (**John 1:51**). Jesus also said that he is the way (**read John 14:6**) and that his way is easy (**read Matthew 11:28-30**).

- Jacob had a knack for making the easy way hard. Can you think of anything you're doing that could be making the easy way harder for you?
- Jacob struggled to take God at his word (28:16-22). Is there a promise of God that you are finding difficult to believe God will be faithful to fulfill?

Prayer

As you close, take time to pray for each other.

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