

Food for thought

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The Gospel for Scoundrels

The journey changes us

Genesis 35:1-15

Day 1 – Understanding the passage

Read Genesis 35:1-15

- What stands out to you in this passage or from the message?
- What are the similarities between verse 1 and 15?
- What are the big ideas of each section?
 - 1-4
 - 5-8
 - 9-15
- What is the significance of making an altar?
- What is the significance of God reminding Jacob of his name change to Israel?
- How does God protect their move?
- How does 34:1-31 and 35:16-29 help us better understand this passage?
- State the main point of the entire passage in one sentence.

Day 2 – Taking stock of our lives

- What is a modern-day idol? Does it need to be a carved image?
- Why do people look to an idol instead of God?
- Why does an idol promise? Give some examples.
- Where does an idol fail in your life where God succeeds?

Day 3 – Applying the Bible to our lives

- How is the promise to Jacob similar to/different from that to Abraham and Isaac?
- What are Jacobs' various testimonies of God? (v. 3, 7, 15) Why does he review these now?
- Why is it important for us to remember what God has done for us in the past?
- How has God blessed you in the past? In this past month?
- Where are you at on the journey God has for you? What do you think a next step in that journey would be?

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