

**Genesis 27-35:
The covenant continues:
Household readings**

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Memory verse:

*Look, I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go.
I will bring you back to this land,
for I will not leave you
until I have done what I have promised you.*

Genesis 28:15

Week 1 (starting July 18)

Day 1

- Read Genesis 27:41-46
- How are things in Isaac's family?
- What has caused this?

Day 2

- Read Genesis 28:1-9
- What does Isaac do? Why?
- What does Esau do? Why?

Day 3

- Read Genesis 28:10-22
- What does Jacob dream?
- What does God promise?
- How does Jacob respond?

Day 4

- Look back over the week...
- What have you learned about Isaac's family?
- What have you been reminded of about Jacob?

Day 5

- Look back over the week...
- What have you been reminded about God?
- What do we learn of God's plans?

Week 9 (starting September 12)**Day 1**

- Read Genesis 35:1-7
- What does God say?
- What does Jacob do?

Day 2

- Read Genesis 35:8-15
- What happens in vs.8?
- What does God commit to?
- Why?

Day 3

- Read Genesis 35:16-20
- What happens to Rachel?

Day 4

- Read Genesis 35:21-29
- What happens?
- How is this a reflection on the life of Jacob so far?

Day 5

- Glance back through the last few weeks, and give thanks to God for what you have learned about his nature, and your nature...

Week 2 (starting July 25)**Day 1**

- Read Genesis 29:1-12
- Where is Jacob?
- Who does he meet?
- How does he conduct himself?

Day 2

- Read Genesis 29:13-30
- Who does Jacob meet?
- What arrangement is reached?

Day 3

- Read Genesis 29:13-30
- What happens after seven years?
- What arrangement is reached?
- How are things in Jacob's family?

Day 4

- Look back over the week...
- What have you learned about Jacob?
- What situation has he found himself in?

Day 5

- Look back over the week...
- What have you been reminded about God?
- What do we learn of God's plans?

Week 3 (starting August 1)**Day 1**

- Read Genesis 29:31-30:24
- Who is the key actor here?
- Why do you say that?

Day 2

- Read Genesis 29:31-30:24
- How many children does Leah have?
- How are her actions reminiscent of Sarah?

Day 3

- Read Genesis 29:31-30:24
- How many children does Rachel have?
- How are her actions reminiscent of Sarah?

Day 4

- Read Genesis 29:31-30:24
- How would you describe Jacob's family?
- Why do you think God has made this happen?

Day 5

- Read Genesis 29:31-32; 30:22-24
- What does this episode teach us about God?

Week 8 (starting September 5)**Day 1**

- Read Genesis 34:1-31
- What are your first impressions?

Day 2

- Read Genesis 34:1-31
- Why do you think this disaster takes place?
- Why is this chapter here?

Day 3

- Read Genesis 34:1-31
- How does Jacob emerge from this episode?
- Why is he like this?

Day 4

- Read Genesis 34:1-31
- How does Jacob's family emerge from this episode?

Day 5

- Read Genesis 34:1-31
- Pray that God protect you from 'partial obedience'

Week 7 (starting August 29)**Day 1**

- Read Genesis 33:1-20
- Where is Jacob heading? (cf. Gen.31:13)

Day 2

- Read Genesis 33:1-20
- How does Jacob approach Esau?
- How does Esau respond?

Day 3

- Read Genesis 33:1-20
- As the episode ends, the interaction between Jacob and Esau in vs.10-15 reveals what about Jacob, and what about Esau?

Day 4

- Read Genesis 33:1-20
- As the passage closes, where does Jacob end up?
- What does this tell you about Jacob?

Day 5

- Read Genesis 33:1-20
- Pray that God protect you from 'partial obedience'

Week 4 (starting August 8)**Day 1**

- Read Genesis 30:25-43
- What does Jacob desire?
- What does Laban desire?

Day 2

- Read Genesis 30:25-43
- How do the negotiations play out?
- In vs.35-36, how does Laban 'play'?

Day 3

- Read Genesis 30:25-43
- What does Jacob do?
- What happens?

Day 4

- Read Genesis 28:13-15
- How do you see this starting to play out in Jacob's life?

Day 5

- Read Genesis 30:25-43
- What is revealed of human nature in this episode?
- What is revealed of God's nature in this episode?

Week 5 (starting August 15)**Day 1**

- Read Genesis 31:1-55
- Note down any questions you might have...

Day 2

- Read Genesis 31:1-55
- Write down all the actions attributed to God...

Day 3

- Read Genesis 31:1-55
- Write down all the actions attributed to Jacob...
- What, if anything, has changed in him?
- Why?

Day 4

- Read Genesis 31:1-55
- Write down all the actions attributed to Jacob's wives...

Day 5

- Read Genesis 31:1-55
- Pray through one thing that stands out in this passage for you...

Week 6 (starting August 22)**Day 1**

- Read Genesis 32:1-23
- Where is Jacob heading? (cf. Gen.31:13)

Day 2

- Read Genesis 32:1-23
- What is Jacob preparing for?
- What danger seems to await him?

Day 3

- Read Genesis 32:1-23
- What are the steps Jacob takes to prepare?
- Why?

Day 4

- Read Genesis 32:24-32
- What happens the night before?
- How is this a description of Jacob's life?

Day 5

- Read Genesis 32:24-32
- Pray to God that your wrestle with him might lead to your change...