## Genesis - Family: "On the Road, Again!" Genesis 31:10-55

Our Lord's promise is faithful involvement in our lives [Phil. 1:6; Ps. 139:1-12]. Tho' oft' times we are oblivious to His work, He continually provides, protects, leads us thru, carries us, orchestrates - it is in hindsight that His presence may become obvious to us. Who said, "Hindsight is always 20-20!?!!

Context: Jacob has committed to more years of "paid service" to Laban who had changed his wages 10 times over the years. Jacob's integrity may be questioned by some, but it is the Lord who has made him wealthy at Laban's expense (V.9). God has spoken to Jacob and told him, "Return . . ." and Jacob prepares . . .

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Vs.14-16

Vs.17-21

Vs.54-55

20 years . . 20 YEARS! The $1^{\text {st }} 7$ years "seemed as but a few days" but the last 14 years were filed with various struggles:
$\qquad$ ——and more culminating in $\qquad$ from the in-laws!
Jacob forgot one main strength that he had: It was the LORD who had promised - and he had vowed to - that He, Adonai would protect, provide and care for Jacob!
Jacob struggles and is losing the battle with the same affliction that all God-followers must wrestle with: "In-Grown Eyeballs"!
God has promised to perform the necessary corrective surgery . ... if we (you and I) are willing. This is a spiritual growth issue not salvation - but either we remain infants in Christ, or we grow up to all the fullness of Christ . . . completeness . . . but, just like the lightbulb changing we discussed last week - it is our willingness to allow Him to prescribe and perform His oft' times excruciating work in our lives -

## What part of this passage "caught your attention"?

Is God saying something to you? What is it?

## How will you respond?

