

Genesis – “Jacob’s Divine Appointment!”

Genesis 32

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How we often *fall back on God* when we are in distress and predicaments ~ we ignore our Lord in the small things of life and then, eagerly muster our dependency upon Him as “monumental threats” advance! Yet, He is available for ALL - Matt. 11: 28 “Come to Me, all * who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.”

[* lit. Have worked yourself to exhaustion]

We fret, we worry, we scheme – we need His rest!

Context: *Jacob deceptively abandoned Laban who gave pursuit only to have the LORD come and warn him in a dream to: “Be careful that you do not speak to Jacob either good or bad.” The LORD intervened! Jacob and Laban strike a covenant marked by a pile of rocks that neither is to pass by to do bad to the other as the LORD is witness. After a feast dinner, Laban arises to return home, never to see Jacob or family again . . .*

Genesis 32:1-2

Vs.3-6

Vs.7-12

Vs.13-21

Vs.22-23

Vs.24-27

Vs.28-32

Jacob left 20 years in Mesopotamia under Laban's abusive treatment. Those years were the result of his own deception/sin and running for his life “to find a wife” - of which he now has 2 and their maids. That time was not all pleasant BUT NOW he returns to an unknown situation that he hopes time has healed but is *unknown!* And now, Esau is coming with 400 of his men . . . internal conflict and panic! What to do??!! Go back? Press ahead?? Turn left or right? Jacob is having a major issue - it's a “*crisis of faith*” and he's losing! He is striving in his own power and wisdom - not in reliance upon the One who revealed Himself, promised and has shown Himself faithful!

***Every crisis of faith requires decision
which determines God's participation!***

What part of this passage “caught your attention”?

Is God saying something to you? What is it?

How will you respond?