

Genesis – “A Reflective Pause”

Genesis 25-33

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Life is B-U-S-Y! Oft’ we find ourselves in a dead run trying to keep pace with “all the stuff” in our lives. Even with the rigors of Covid-19, we have been faces with other life distractions. *We need to STOP!* Why do roses have thorns? ’Cuz if you _____ you _____! [think about it] Just as we need to STOP in life to reflect, so we need to STOP and reflect as we move through Scripture – so let’s do that today . . .

Context: *Jacob, has traveled many miles both literally and figuratively. He has been influenced, persuaded, deceived; he has deceived, conspired, fretted and done “what everyone else does” only to reap the natural consequences. In the rush and the hurt and the passing of time, his trust in his Provider and Protector has floundered more than guided.*

Are there lessons or questions to ponder here?

1 Samuel 24: 1-7ff

Genesis 25 “What if . . .

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. . . how might that have changed their relationship?

26 “What if . . .

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. . . what kind of an example would Isaac have been?

27 “What if . . .

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. . . how would that have affected family relations?

28 “What if . . .

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. . . how might his journey have been changed?

29 “What if . . .

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. . . how could that have changed his family relations?

30 “What if . . .

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. . . think of the _____ that would have been missed!

31 “What if . . .

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. . . what affect might have resulted?

32 “What if . . .

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. . . could the LORD still have established His covenant with Jacob?

33 “What if . . .

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. . . would Israel/Jacob enjoyed a more full life?

It has been rightly said, “Those who fail to learn from history are condemned to repeat it.”

[W. Churchill quoting Geo. Santayana, author, 1863-1952]

How do we learn from ‘our personal history-walk’ with God? It would seem that to take “Reflective Pauses” and develop an ethos that becomes a driving, pursuing factor in our lives is critical. Does God allow events, small and/or large, to enter our journey for “no particular reason”? If He does, He is a ‘player’! But, if I truly believe that all events are purposeful . . . then, “Reflective Pauses” are the key to seeing those events with spiritual eyes!

What part of this passage “caught your attention”?

Is God saying something to you? What is it?

How will you respond?