

Genesis – “The Property-Owning Alien”

Genesis 34

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Life is B-U-S-Y! The “Reflective Pause” we discussed last week is critical as we continue to move forward in Genesis, as well as our lives! In Ch. 33, we ended with Jacob purchasing some land, “putting down roots” and building an altar to call on the Name of the Lord. It’s a sweet time – home – at rest and peace – property – it would seem like “Home Sweet Home” ~ but undercurrents in acceptance are present – everything may not be as it appears . . .

Context: Jacob is home, and r-e-l-a-x-i-n-g. The family is growing up and with 11 boys and 1 daughter in “camp”, there’s a lot of activity! Sometimes, it is easy to get . . . complacent . . .

Genesis 34:1

Vs. 2-4

Vs. 5-6

Vs. 7-12

Vs. 13-17

Vs. 18-22

Vs. 23-24

Vs. 25-29

Vs. 30-31

It would seem that Jacob, Israel, has defaulted back to trying to fit into the people around him. He has forgotten that his protection and provision comes not from concession to . . . or compromise with . . . or conceding under! Jacob’s protection/provision comes from the LORD who is faithful . . . and has been faithful to him.

In concession TO Jacob, he has lived his whole life in fear, deception, cheating and finagling. It’s h-a-r-d to change. BUT CHANGE is what the LORD is in the business of . . . the “chain” has not been broken ~ Jacob has not made the difficult decisions of faith . . .

[They say, “you can’t teach an old dog new tricks . . .”]

What part of this passage “caught your attention”?

Is God saying something to you? What is it?

How will you respond?