

Family Worship
Week of May 12, 2024

Instruction: Whatever time of day works best each day for you or your family, use the prompts below to spend a few minutes together in prayer and the Word. Open and close each session with a simple prayer. Use the questions for meditation or discussion.

Sermon Meditations: The Strongman Is Plundered

Monday

- Open in prayer
- Read: Genesis 31:22-35, Ephesians 6:10-18
- Meditation: Pastor Nathan's first point was "The enemy is on the offense." Laban hears that Jacob has fled after three days and goes in pursuit of him. God has spoken to Laban to tell him not to speak good or bad to Jacob. Laban comes at him with accusations and threats, but God was watching over Jacob. Likewise, Satan is in pursuit of Christians and the Church. How can we be on guard against Satan's accusations? How does Christ secure us from the enemy's attacks?
- Close in prayer

Tuesday

- Open in prayer
- Read: Genesis 31:22-35
- Meditation: Pastor Nathan's second point was "The enemy is bound." Laban may come with intent to overcome Jacob, but he can do nothing because of God's protection. He was the strongman who has been bound by God. Jacob hears from Laban that God has already intervened for his protection. How has Christ bound the strongman, Satan, on the cross? Why can Satan never reclaim what was lost to him by the work of Jesus Christ? What comfort should this give us when Satan accuses us?
- Close in prayer

Wednesday

- Open in prayer
- Read: Genesis 31:22-35
- Meditation: Pastor Nathan's third point was "Where is the enemy still found?" Laban is permitted to search for the gods that were stolen from him. Jacob promises that if they are found the person who stole them would die. Rachel has them and hides them. The gods were in fact Laban's. What does this teach us about concealing our own sin? How do we seek out the idols in our heart? What is the danger to us if we serve the idols our hearts so easily manufacture?
- Close in prayer

Preparing Our Hearts to Receive the Word

Thursday

- Open in Prayer
- Read: Genesis 31:36-55
- Meditation: What questions do you have about this text? Is there anything confusing or curious? Does anything stand out as important?
- Close in Prayer

Friday

- Open in Prayer
- Read: Genesis 31:36-55
- Meditation: Westminster Shorter Catechism Question 4 asks, "What do the Scriptures principally teach?" Answer: "The Scriptures principally teach what man is to believe concerning God and what duty God requires of man." What does this passage teach us about God's character and work? What does it teach us about our own hearts and need for a Savior and how we ought to live in the world as followers of Christ?
- Close in Prayer