

Family Worship
Week of June 30, 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 Relentless Faithfulness of God

Monday

- Open in prayer
- Read: Genesis 35:1-15
- Meditation: Pastor Nathan's first point was "The call of God." After the troubling sin of chapter 35, God calls Jacob to return to Bethel and worship him there. Jacob gives us several key phrases to consider what it means to respond to God's call. He says to put away foreign gods, purify yourselves, and change your garments. How does this direct us to follow Christ's command to follow him? How do we purify ourselves? How do new garments reflect the holiness that we receive from Christ?
- Close in prayer

Tuesday

- Open in prayer
- Read: Genesis 35:1-15
- Meditation: Pastor Nathan's second point was "The preserving power of God." As Jacob travelled to Bethel God made the nations watch in terror as they passed through the land. God promises protection for Jacob, and he promises the same protection for Christians. How does Christ preserve us as we wait for his second coming? Jacob renames Bethel to El-Bethel. The change in name indicates that God is his God? How does God become our God?
- Close in prayer

Wednesday

- Open in prayer
- Read: Genesis 35:1-15
- Meditation: Pastor Nathan's third point was "The promise and blessing of God." God appears to Jacob again as he is in Bethel. He reiterates that his name has been changed and the promises given to Abraham are his as well. After the tragedy of chapter 35, God is telling Jacob that he is still his son and that the promises are still for him. How does this reaffirmation of God's love encourage Jacob to worship God? What comfort does it give us that even though we still sin, God will keep his promise to us in Christ Jesus?
- Close in prayer

Preparing Our Hearts to Receive the Word

Thursday

- Open in Prayer
- Read: Genesis 35:16-29
- 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 35:16-29
- 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