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#### **CELEBRATE RECOVERY**

Instructor: Deb Perez Next. Class: Thursday, October 10 7:00 p.m.



#### MISSIONS TEAM

Join us in prayer for the Missions Team that is planning to deliver the children's clothes to Taisha, Ecuador (in the Amazon Jungle). They plan to travel at the end of September. They will be ministering in Taisha as well as Quito. The team consists of Rod Fitzgerald, Steven Skiba and Phylis Huerta.

#### **CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES FOR QUITO**



We will target Shoeboxes for Quito. October 20 - November 18. We will receive a collection for Good News Ministry in Quito.

### GOD NEVER GIVES UP ON YOU

The Jacob Story

Sept 01 » Jacob: The Poster Boy for Shortcuts Sept 08 » Ladders from Heaven for a Man on the Run Sept 15 » Jacob at Jabbok: Facing the Past Shannon's Ordination Service Sept 22 » Don't Settle for Shechem When the Blessing is in Bethel Sept 29 » Lessons from the Life of Jacob

## Prayer REQUESTS

► SALVATION — Stein Family ☐ Tom M. ☐ Stein Family		
Ryan K.	yler M. Mand	y W. Dave. O
HEALTH ISSUES		
Armando » Back Issues	Paitn » Return to God	Kenzie S. » Seizures
Mandy W. » Cancer	Meztti » Return to God	Laura S. » Healing
Merle » Health Issues	Jeffrey » Healing	Hector S. » Healing
Carlos V. » Health Issues	Ivy » Healing	Angela A. » Hospice
Angie & Family » Life Issues	Angela A. » Healing	Vanessa » Health Issues
Bob A. Healing/Kidney	M. Smith » Aortal Hernia	Jacob M. » Emotional Health
Camilia S. » Cancer/Leg	Clarence F. » Knee Rehab	Dan A. » Knee Procedure
Robert G. » Health Issues	Mike K. » Bone Cancer	Noelle G. » Health Issues
Lucille S. » Health Issues	Laura A. » Health Issues	
Augustin A. » Sobriety	Walter M. » Limited Mobility	у
Yalda Samano » Cancer	Sophie T. » Health Issues	
Walter Miner III. » Health Issues	Keith K. » Health Issues	
Zach D. » Sobriety	Kevin K. » Health Issues	

**METRICS THAT MATTER** (09/22/24)

ATTENDANCE ▶ 32 GIVING ▶ \$1,372 GUESTS ▶ 0 VOLUNTEERS ▶ 14 DECISIONS FOR CHRIST ▶ 0

## The Jacob Story/Lessons from the life of Jacob

Jacob is a colorful patriarch from the Old Testament. He is knowns for his scheming ways that affected nearly everyone in his life—Esau, Isaac, and Laban. He had a dramatic dream of a "ladder" reaching into the heavens. There are some practical lessons we can glean from his life.



## You are never right to do wrong (Genesis 25-27)

- Jacob stole his brother's birthright.
- Then he stole his brother's blessing.
- · Rebekah, (his mom) was an accomplice.
- · Jacob lied four times to his father.
- Jacob was banished so Esau would not kill him.

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## You will reap what you sow (Genesis 27:43-44)

Rebekah tells Jacob, "Now therefore, my son, obey my voice: arise, flee to my brother Laban in Haran. And stay with him a few days, until your brother's fury turns away..."

- Sin never turns out the way you thought it would.
- · Rebekah thought Jacob would be gone a few days.
- She never saw him again. He was gone 20 years.
- Jacob experienced the pain of deceit—from Laban.

# **3** God does not forget you

It is clear from the story of the patriarchs that God does not forget us. Time can go by in our lives and we can think that God has forgotten the promises He made to us. Abraham waited twenty-four years for the birth of Isaac and laughed when God told him that Sarah would have a child in her old age.

Jacob served a deceitful and wicked man, his Uncle Laban. For twenty years, he was separated from his family. During that time, his father grew old and his mother evidently passed away. It would be easy to think during this long period of trial that God had forgotten. God had not forgotten Jacob, and God has not forgotten you.

# The blessings of God come through prayer (Genesis 32:22-29)

- The blessings of God are not manipulated.
- · Jacob repented...made things right.
- There is an all-night prayer meeting and a wrestling match with God.
- · Jacob is forever changed.
- He is given a "new" name—Israel.

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# Obedience is the key to moving forward with God (Genesis 33:1-10)

- God visited Jacob and told him to return to his homeland.
- · He sends some of his men to let Esau know that he is returning.
- When the messengers come back from seeing Esau, they return with this message, "Your brother is heading back with 400 men."
- Jacob moves forward in obedience to God's instruction.

# Thankyou

Phylis and I want to THANK YOU for the beautiful and wonderful way you honored us for Pastor's Appreciation Day last Sunday. You expressed your love, esteem, and respect for us in unforgettable ways:

- 1. You signed a very meaningful card with messages of love and encouragement.
- 2. You completely surprised us!
- 3. You had Wes speak touching and thoughtful words that added so much meaning to our lives.
- 4. You gave us a financial gift that was over and above—God bless you!

We are honored to serve you!





