

Ancestral History Week 3- Jacob

We did a quick review of the last couple of weeks that included God's Covenant with Abraham and Abraham's test with Isaac and what those stories show us about God's character. Then we delved into Jacob's story. A large chunk of Genesis is dedicated to Jacob so we bounced around to cover his story arc. We read the following passages:

Genesis 25:19-34

Genesis 27:1-45

Chapter 28: 10-22

Chapter 32

We reflected on Jacob's deceitful behavior and how it showed a fundamental mistrust of God. Jacob continually felt that he needed to create his own blessing rather than relying on God's blessing for him. Jacob's actions (and those of others) led to many complicated broken relationships and social strife throughout his extended family. Even in the midst of all of this God still pursued Jacob and reaffirmed His promise to his family, and blessed Jacob throughout this chapter. Jacob's dream of God dwelling on earth was a sign of God's future promise to dwell among us through Jesus. Ultimately, Jacob is forced to accept God's blessing for him in an encounter with God leaves him physically limited due to a dislocated hip.

Reflection Questions based on this week:

What's one thing you've chased after and how have you chased after it?

Has God himself already given or promised the thing you've chased after in life?

How has God intervened in your life to help you receive his gifts?