

ILLUMINATED by Holy Spirit
SATURATED by God's Word
COMMUNICATED by God's Teacher

GENESIS

SMALL GROUP GUIDE

THE BIG IDEA

Ever wonder how the Lord tells you what you need to do? The Lord directs us today the same way He led Jacob several thousand years ago; through the inner witness in the heart, the outward circumstances, and the truth of His Word.

Sunday, November 6, 2022

THE BIBLE

JACOB'S FREEDOM & GOD'S LEADING
GENESIS 31

QUESTIONS

- How did the Lord tell Jacob that it was time to leave from Uncle Laban?
 - 1) Inner Witness: Years before God put a desire in Jacob's heart. (See Gen. 30:25).
 - How important is discernment when it comes to desires of our heart? (See Jeremiah 17:9)
 - 2) Outward Circumstances: How did God use Jacob's circumstances to direct him? (See Gen. 31:1-2)
 - Last 6 years, Jacob noticed in-laws weren't as friendly toward him because of his increasing wealth.
 - Circumstances aren't always the finger of God pointing His way (See Acts 27:1-15), but they are significant indicators of God's will.
 - Can you think of a time God directed you with the circumstances around you?
 - Read Deuteronomy 32:11 and think if there was a time that God stirred your nest?
 - 3) Truth of God's Word: Most important way God directs is His Word! (See Gen. 31:3, 10-13)
 - God spoke to Jacob at important crossroads: leaving home (28:12-15), Returning home (31:1-13).
 - Psalms 23:3 "He leads me in paths of righteousness For His name sake".
- When do you think Jacob began to understand that God was good and had a plan for his life in spite of himself? (See 30:27, 30) By chapter 32:10 Jacob realizes 20 years prior he showed up at Uncle Laban's with nothing but a staff and now he is richly blessed.
 - Do you believe God has a unique plan for your life?
 - Are you convinced that in spite of you and life's circumstances that God is good in your life?
- Pray for one another to see God's hand at work in each life!

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