

LIFE Group Guide

Destiny

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Genesis 28:10-22



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Outline:

Jacob's messianic dream:

- A staircase with a footing on earth and its pinnacle in heaven (12a)
- Angel's ascending and descending upon it (12b)
- The Lord stood above it (13a)

And [Jesus] said to [Nathaniel], "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man." - **John 1:51**

The Lord's eternal promise:

- I am the Lord of your fathers (13b)
- I will give you the promised land (13c)
- I will make of you the promised nation (14a)
- In your lineage, all the families of earth will be blessed (14b)

The Lord's personal promise (15)

- I am with you
- I will keep you
- I will bring you home
- I always keep My promises

Jacob's immediate response:

- A fearful recognition of God's presence
- A conditional "if, then" vow

Discussion Questions

1. What encouraged, nourished, or challenged you from this sermon? The scripture passage?
2. What are some of the life circumstances that Jacob is facing before having his dream? What does that tell us about God's grace?
3. What does Jacob's dream mean? Jesus teaches that He is the ladder in Jacob's dream. How does Jesus fulfill Jacob's dream?
4. What are God's promises to Jacob? How do they point to God's promises to you?