

Series: Genesis

Passage: Genesis 34:30 -35:15

Title: Regeneration in The House of God **Speaker:** Pastor David Menard, 4/30/2023

Discussion Starter – Describe in your own words what might be going on in Jacob's mind as he reflects on the behavior and attitude of his two son's murderous acts on the men of the city where they lived. What pattern do we often see displayed here in Jacob's life as a way God often brings about regeneration in someone's life?

Read Genesis 34:30-35:1- God's Four Specific Instructions to Jacob

- 1. What do you think kept Jacob from realizing his deficiency as spiritual leader to his family?
- 2. How is God's faithfulness on display here in this passage? Read Philippians 1:6
 - a. What are some of the things you have noticed in your past or current situations that have kept you or are keeping you from being the spiritual leader that God is calling you to be?
- 3. What practical insights might we draw from God's instruction to Jacob to "Arise"? How might aid us as a defense to the enemy's tactics to bring us down? Read Revelation 12:10.
- 4. What are some of the things that keep us from understanding God's grace?
- 5. Why do you think God calls Jacob to return to Bethel?
- 6. The world tells us, that there is nothing wrong with us, you were born this way. Give up, and give into your sin. Sin is missing the mark. How would you explain what missing the mark means in a real life walk with God?
- 7. What does it mean to dwell in Bethel? Read John 15:1-6. Discuss insights gained in this passage.
- 8. What do you think was God's purpose for telling Jacob to build an altar in Bethel?

Read Genesis 35:2-15 – Jacob responds to God's Instructions

- 1. What things do you see happening now in Jacob's walk, as he responds to God's instructions that indicate regeneration by God is happening?
 - a. What are some of the things in our lives that we need to get rid of to grow as worshiper of God?
- 2. Jacob builds the altar at Bethel and now names the place El Bethel. Why do you think this is important, and what does this indicate to us about what is happening in Jacob's life?
- 3. What is the significance of God referring to Himself with the title "God Almighty" as He reaffirms His Covenant with Jacob, who He now calls Israel?
- 4. What are some of the promises and protection you see God demonstration here in these passages?
 - b. How has this message caused you to reflect on the differences between being a believer or a worshiper of God? What are some of the things God is calling you to look at in your life, so that you can grow stronger as a worshiper of Him?