

BREAKING WITH THE PAST ~ Genesis 35:1-29

→ Scripture Reading Genesis 35:1-7

OBEYING GOD ~ Genesis 35:1-5

[1] Then God said to Jacob, "GO UP to Bethel and settle there, and build an altar there to God, who appeared to you when you were fleeing from your brother Esau."

→MAP

[2] So Jacob said to his household and to all who were with him, "Get rid of the foreign gods you have with you, and purify yourselves and change your clothes. [3] Then come, let us go up to Bethel, where I will build an altar to God, who answered me in the day of my distress and who has been with me wherever I have gone." [4] So they gave Jacob ALL the foreign gods they had and the rings in their ears, and Jacob BURIED them under the oak at Shechem..

JACOB'S INSTRUCTIONS

- get RID OF foreign gods
- BATHE
- CHANGE clothes

[5] Then they set out, and the terror of God fell upon the towns all around them so that NO ONE pursued them

APPLICATION

Joshua 24:14-15 (NIV) "Now fear the LORD and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your forefathers worshiped beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. [15] But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your forefathers served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

Matthew 5:29-30 (NIV) If your right eye causes you to sin, **GOUGE IT OUT and throw it away**. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. [30] And if your right hand causes you to sin, **CUT IT OFF and throw it away**. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to go into hell.

DECISIVELY - admit exactly what it is

RADICALLY - cut it off

Hebrews 12:1 (NIV) ...let us **THROW OFF everything that hinders** and the **SIN that so easily ENTANGLES**, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.

There are some things in connection with the spiritual life that must be entirely given up and destroyed, for it is impossible to sanctify or consecrate them. ...There are things that simply must be cut off. Books have to be burned. Evil habits have to be broken. Sin must be put away. There are things that are beyond all reclamation . Constable

A NEW BEGINNING ~ Genesis 35:6-15

[6] Jacob and all the people with him came to Luz (that is, Bethel) in the land of Canaan. [7] There he built an altar, and he called the place El Bethel, because it was there that God revealed himself to him when he was fleeing from his brother. [8] Now Deborah, Rebekah's nurse, died and was buried under the oak below Bethel. So it was named Allon Bacuth. [9] After Jacob returned from Paddan Aram, God appeared to him again and blessed him. [10] God said to him, "Your name is Jacob, but you will no longer be called Jacob; your name will be Israel." So he named him Israel. [11] And God said to him, "I am God Almighty; be fruitful and increase in number. A nation and a community of nations will come from you, and kings will come from your body. [12] The land I gave to Abraham and Isaac I also give to you, and I will give this land to your descendants after you." [13] Then God went up from him at the place where he had talked with him. [14] Jacob set up a stone pillar at the place where God had talked with him, and he poured out a drink offering on it; he also poured oil on it. [15] Jacob called the place where God had talked with him Bethel.

APPLICATION

Psalm 32:1-5 (NLT) Oh, **what joy for those whose disobedience is forgiven**, whose sin is put out of sight! [2] Yes, what joy for those whose record the LORD has cleared of guilt, whose lives are lived in complete honesty! [3] When I **REFUSED** to **CONFESS** my sin, my body wasted away, and I groaned all day long. [4] Day and night **your hand of DISCIPLINE was heavy on me**. My strength evaporated like water in the summer heat. [5] **FINALLY, I confessed all my sins** to you and **stopped trying to hide my guilt**. I said to myself, "I will confess my rebellion to the LORD." And **YOU forgave me! All my guilt is GONE**.

GET RIGHT WITH GOD

- DESTROY any idols in your life
- CONFESS your sin seek God's cleansing
- PURSUE God
- OBEY God

SERIOUS TROUBLE ~ Genesis 35:16-22

[16] Then they moved on from Bethel. While they were still some distance from Ephrath, Rachel began to give birth and had great difficulty. [17] And as she was having great difficulty in childbirth, the midwife said to her, "Don't be afraid, for you have another son." [18] As she breathed her last--for she was dying--she named her son Ben-Oni. But his father named him Benjamin. [19] So Rachel died and was buried on the way to Ephrath (that is, Bethlehem). [20] Over her tomb Jacob set up a pillar, and to this day that pillar marks Rachel's tomb.

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[21] Israel **MOVED ON AGAIN** and pitched his tent beyond Migdal Eder. [22] While Israel was living in that region, Reuben went in and slept with his father's concubine Bilhah, and Israel heard of it.

REUBEN... Hughes & Constable

- **CHALLENGED** Jacob's Authority
- **ESTABLISHED** authority over his brothers
- made sure Bilhah would not become Jacob's favorite

DEATH OF ISAAC RECORDED ~ Genesis 35:22-29

Jacob had twelve sons: [23] The sons of Leah: Reuben the firstborn of Jacob, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar and Zebulun. [24] The sons of Rachel: Joseph and Benjamin. [25] The sons of Rachel's maidservant Bilhah: Dan and Naphtali. [26] The sons of Leah's maidservant Zilpah: Gad and Asher. These were the sons of Jacob, who were born to him in Paddan Aram. [27] Jacob came home to his father Isaac in Mamre, near Kiriath Arba (that is, Hebron), where Abraham and Isaac had stayed. [28] Isaac lived a hundred and eighty years. [29] Then he breathed his last and died and was gathered to his people, old and full of years. And his sons Esau and Jacob buried him.

LEAH'S SONS	RACHEL'S SONS	BILHAH'S SONS	ZILPAH'S SONS
1- Reuben	11- Joseph	5- Dan	7- Gad
2- Simeon	12- Benjamin	6- Naphtali	8- Asher
3- Levi			
4- Judah			
9- Issachar			
10- Zebulun			

TAKE AWAY ??