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# **What You Need to Know About ISAAC & JACOB**

## Part 1

### **STUDY NUMBER ONE - [GENESIS 24:1-33](#)**

### **NOTES**

#### **QUESTIONS:**

1. Read [Genesis 24:1-33](#) and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

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2. Answer the questions Why and How Abraham becomes an illustration of a man who finishes well?

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3. What three things has the Lord done for Abraham, according to [verse 7](#)?

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4. According to [verse 7](#), what will the Lord do to insure a successful mission for the servant?

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5. What two things does the servant pray for in verse 12?

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6. What two things does the servant ask of the Lord in guiding him to the girl that the Lord would have for Isaac? (See verse 14)

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7. How quick was the Lord to answer his prayer, according to verse 15?  
(Also see Isaiah 65:24)

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8. Outline the servant's proper response to what the Lord has done in verses 26 & 27.

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9. Which verse in the study has meant the most to you?

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10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

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**LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:**

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: Abraham serves as a perfect illustration of the joy of aging well. "The Lord had blessed him in every way" (verse 1).

LESSON #2: Abraham was blessed by an unconditional covenant that involved the seed and the land, the miraculous birth of Isaac, the forgiveness of sin when he failed, and Jehovah-Jirah, the Lord who provides a sacrifice.

LESSON #3: Abraham's secret was unquestioned obedience, faithful intercession, and fellowship with his Lord.

LESSON #4: Abraham is taking care of business before he gets the call from the home office. David did a similar thing in providing everything that Solomon would need for the building of the temple.

LESSON #5: Abraham's faith in the project of getting a wife for Isaac is demonstrated in verse 7: ". . . he [the Lord] will send his angel before you so that you can get a wife for my son from there."

LESSON #6: The Lord was faithful to lead the servant and his entourage right to Abraham's relatives.

LESSON #7: The servant, when he arrives at the destination, prays: ". . . give me success today, and show kindness to my master Abraham" (verse 12).

LESSON #8: The Lord is eager to respond to our petitions. The text says: "Before he had finished praying, Rebekah came out with her jar on her shoulder" (verse 15).

LESSON #9: Rebekah gave him a drink and watered the camels and the servant, without saying a word, "watched her closely to learn whether or not the Lord had made his journey successful" (verse 21).

LESSON #10: It's one thing to pray but it is another thing to express gratitude through praise and the servant teaches us that: "Then the man bowed down and worshiped the Lord, saying, 'Praise be to the Lord, the God of my master Abraham, who has not abandoned his kindness and faithfulness to my master. As for me, the Lord has led me on the journey to the house of my master's relatives'" (verses 26-27).

LESSON #11: The servant is like our Savior in that personal things can wait, the mission takes priority: "Then food was set before him, but he said, 'I will not eat until I have told you what I have to say'" (verse 33).

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**STUDY NUMBER TWO - GENESIS 24:34-67****NOTES****QUESTIONS:**

1. Read Genesis 24:34-67 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

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2. Summarize what the servant says about his master Abraham in verses 35 & 36.

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3. Summarize the servant's mission, according to verse 38.

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4. Summarize the servant's prayer in verses 42-44.

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5. How eager is the Lord to answer the servant's prayer, according to verse 45? Compare with Isaiah 65:24.

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6. How do Laban and Bethuel respond to the servant's message, according to verse 50?

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7. How eager is the servant to return to his master, according to verses 54 & 56?

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8. How does Rebekah respond to the family's question in verse 58?

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9. Which verse in the study has meant the most to you?

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10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

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**LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:**

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: What an unselfish, sacrificial servant we have seen in Eliezer of Damascus.

LESSON #2: The Lord is in the business of blessing His faithful followers. Abraham's life proves that.

LESSON #3: Abraham's final act as a faithful servant was to get a wife from his family to preserve the purity of the covenant that the Lord had made with him earlier.

LESSON #4: When we are traveling in the center of the will of our Father, He has promised His peace and His presence to be our portion.

LESSON #5: Abraham's servant teaches us the priority of prayer and praise as a part and parcel of our walk with God.

LESSON #6: The servant's witness is "Before I finished praying in my heart, Rebekah came out" (verse 45).

LESSON #7: "Before they call I will answer; while they are still speaking I will hear" (Isaiah 65:24 NIV).

LESSON #8: The servant's testimony of praise is recorded in verse 48: "and I bowed down and worshiped the Lord. I praised the Lord, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me on the right road to get the granddaughter of my master's brother for his son."

LESSON #9: The testimony of Laban and Bethuel is: “This is from the Lord; we can say nothing to you one way or the other” (verse 50).

LESSON #10: Once again Abraham’s servant “bowed down to the ground before the Lord” in worship and praise (verse 52).

LESSON #11: The passionate request of the servant is seen the next morning when he says: “Send me on my way to my master” (verse 54).

LESSON #12: The servant is much like Jesus who said: “I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; *the* night is coming when no one can work” (John 9:4 NKJV). The servant says: “Do not detain me” (verse 56).

LESSON #13: The question to Rebekah from her family is: “Will you go with this man?” And her response is: “I will go” (verse 58).

LESSON #14: Isaac illustrates the words of the psalmist in Psalm 1:2: “But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night” (NIV).

LESSON #15: “Then the servant told Isaac all he had done” (verse 66). And we would respond with the deepest wish of our hearts that we would hear from the Lord of glory ourselves when we reach Him at the end of the journey: “Well done thou good and faithful servant, enter into the joys I have prepared for thee.”

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**STUDY NUMBER THREE - GENESIS 25:19-34****NOTES****QUESTIONS:**

1. Read Genesis 25:19-34 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

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2. What did Isaac ask of the Lord in verse 21?

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3. What did the Lord tell Rebekah in verse 23?

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4. What were the twins' names that were born to Rebekah?

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5. Describe the differences between the two boys, according to verse 27.

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6. Describe the parental relationship to the two boys, according to verse 28.

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7. Describe what took place in Jacob's acquisition of the birthright from Esau.

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8. What was the significance of the birthright?

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9. Which verse in the study has meant the most to you?

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10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

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**LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:**

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: Isaac and Rebekah form a contrast to their offspring Jacob, by being willing to wait for God to fulfill His promise.

LESSON #2: God always gives exceeding abundantly. There are two children given in answer to their prayer.

LESSON #3: God is always faithful to fulfill His promises.

LESSON #4: Parental favoritism creates problems with the children.

LESSON #5: Never try to help God to fulfill His promise by human methods.

LESSON #6: The tragedy of developing the physical without the spiritual is seen in Esau and his life.

LESSON #7: Faith and patience go together in the child of God.

LESSON #8: Esau lived for the physical and temporary. He lived with no thought for the spiritual.

LESSON #9: God's love did not begin because of what we were and it will continue in spite of what we are. It is unconditional and eternal.

LESSON #10: Don't make major decisions under the stress of the moment.

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**STUDY NUMBER FOUR - [GENESIS 26:1-35](#)**

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**QUESTIONS:**

1. Read [Genesis 26:1-35](#) and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

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2. What did the Lord say to Isaac, according to [verses 2 & 3](#)?

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3. Why was Abraham blessed, according to [verse 5](#)?

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4. Summarize what Isaac did wrong in [verses 7-9](#) and how it affected his relationships.

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5. What did the Lord do for Isaac, according to [verses 12-14](#)?

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6. Trace Isaac's water well projects beginning in verse 18 and going down to verse 33.

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7. How did the citizens of the land respond to Isaac in verses 28 & 29?

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8. What did Esau do wrong, according to verse 34? What was the response of Isaac and Rebekah?

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9. Which verse in the study has meant the most to you?

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10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

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**LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:**

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: The Lord often uses famines or natural disasters in our lives to get our attention and to see whether or not we will trust Him in our time of need.

LESSON #2: The Lord cares about His children when they are about to make a mistake because He said to Isaac: "Do not go down to Egypt" (verse 2).

LESSON #3: When we are obedient to the Lord's direction, He has promised us His presence: "I will be with you" (verse 3).

LESSON #4: Abraham's legacy is given by the Lord: "[He] obeyed me and kept my requirements, my commands, my decrees and my laws" (verse 5).

LESSON #5: Isaac turns to the sins of his father when he lies about Rebekah and their relationship.

LESSON #6: How tragic to be rebuked by a pagan king for our sin.

LESSON #7: When Isaac's lying had been brought to the surface he was then in a position for the Lord to provide blessing and the Lord did just that. "Isaac planted crops in that land and the same year reaped a hundredfold, because the Lord blessed him" (verse 12).

LESSON #8: Isaac was a meek and gentle man in his relationships with the citizens of this foreign country.

LESSON #9: When Isaac crossed the borders into the land by going to Beersheba, the Lord appeared to him and said: "I am the God of your father Abraham. Do not be afraid, for I am with you" (verse 24).

LESSON #10: "Isaac built an altar there and called on the name of the Lord" (verse 25).

LESSON #11: Has anyone ever said to you: "We saw clearly that the Lord was with you" (verse 28)?

LESSON #12: Esau teaches us the tragedy of being unequally yoked together with unbelievers. (See 2 Corinthians 6:14)

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**STUDY NUMBER FIVE - GENESIS 27:1-46****NOTES****QUESTIONS:**

1. Read Genesis 27:1-46 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

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2. What does Isaac request of Esau in the first verses of chapter 27?

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3. Who was listening to the conversation of Isaac and Esau, and what is her response?

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4. What is Jacob's response to his father's question in verse 20?

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5. How does Isaac respond to this whole plan to trick Esau out of the blessing?

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6. Describe the blessing that is given to Jacob.

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7. What happens as soon as Isaac finishes the blessing of Jacob?

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8. How does Esau feel about losing the blessing, according to verse 41?

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9. Which verse in the study has meant the most to you?

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10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

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**LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:**

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: There is the bartering of divine privilege for carnal gratification.

LESSON #2: Isaac is trembling greatly because he is pitting himself against God's purpose.

LESSON #3: Beware of doing evil that good may come.

LESSON #4: Seek grace to prevent natural affections over-riding love for God and His revealed will.

LESSON #5: There is a principle, "Whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap." Jacob's ultimate exile and Rebekah's death only bear this out.

LESSON #6: It is impossible to thwart God's ultimate purpose. (See Isaiah 46:10)

LESSON #7: Jacob cooperates with his mother in prematurely taking his destiny into his own hands. (See Proverbs 16:9)

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**STUDY NUMBER SIX - GENESIS 28:1-22****NOTES****QUESTIONS:**

1. Read Genesis 28:1-22 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

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2. What does Isaac command Jacob to do in the first three verses of our study?

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3. What wish does he express for Jacob in verse 4?

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4. What is Esau's response to Isaac's blessing of Jacob?

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5. Describe the dream that Jacob had and the message from the Lord.

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6. What promise does the Lord give Jacob in verse 15?

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7. What is Jacob's response to this vision?

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8. What vow does Jacob make to the Lord in the concluding verses?

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9. Which verse in the study has meant the most to you?

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10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

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**LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:**

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: God brought and gave His blessings to Jacob, independent of his own human efforts.

LESSON #2: Esau's human efforts look good on the outside but were not pleasing to God. Man looks on the outward, God looks on the heart!

LESSON #3: God is standing at the top of the stairs and the stairs represent Jesus Christ spanning the separation between a Holy God and sinful man.

LESSON #4: God's promise of His presence, protection, preservation, and His promise of fulfillment are all given to us as well.

LESSON #5: Jacob's fear was over past guilt in his life.

LESSON #6: Be sure and mark well the place of your conversion to alleviate future doubt.

LESSON #7: Do not make the mistake of making vows to God.

**ADDITIONAL NOTES:**

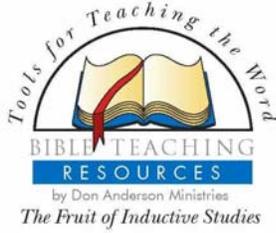
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# **What You Need to Know About ISAAC & JACOB**

## Part 2

**STUDY NUMBER SEVEN - [GENESIS 29:1-35](#)**

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### **QUESTIONS:**

1. Read [Genesis 29:1-35](#) and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

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2. Describe the scene in the opening verses of [Genesis 29](#).

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3. Who does Jacob meet at the well?

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4. What does Jacob do for Rachel?

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5. Describe the working relationship between Laban and Jacob.

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6. How does Jacob feel about Rachel, according to verse 20?

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7. How does Laban trick Jacob after he served his time for Rachel?

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8. What does Jacob do in light of Laban’s actions, according to verse 28?

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9. Which verse in the study has meant the most to you?

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10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

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**LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:**

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: We see the joy of being right with God as Jacob journeys toward Haran. “He lifted up his feet.”

LESSON #2: We see God’s guiding hand upon Jacob through the wilderness and desert area to the exact location where the Lord wants him to be. “The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord” (Psalm 37:23, 24). “Trust in the Lord with all your heart, lean not unto your own understanding, in all your ways acknowledge him and he will direct your paths” (Proverbs 3:5, 6).

LESSON #3: God uses people in our lives to discipline us and to show us ourselves so that we can come to a true hatred of those things in our lives which are not pleasing to the Lord.

LESSON #4: Jacob learns three lessons through this disciplining experience: 1) submission; 2) rights; and 3) waiting.

LESSON #5: Jacob should have prayed and asked for the Lord’s wisdom in each of these experiences.

LESSON #6: Whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap.

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**STUDY NUMBER EIGHT - [GENESIS 30:1-43](#)**

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**QUESTIONS:**

1. Read [Genesis 30:1-43](#) and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

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2. What problem confronts Jacob and Rachel in [verses 1 & 2](#)?

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3. What action does Rachel take to solve her dilemma in the next verses?

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4. How does Leah respond to Rachel?

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5. What does God do to Rachel, according to [verses 22 & 23](#)?

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6. What name does Rachel give to her first son, and what is the significance of that name?

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7. What request does Jacob make of Laban in verses 25 & 26?

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8. How does Laban respond to Jacob's proposal, according to verse 27?

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9. Which verse in the study has meant the most to you?

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10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

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**LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:**

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: God uses our circumstances to train us and prepare us for fruitfulness.

LESSON #2: God's wisdom in having one woman for one man in marriage.

LESSON #3: Children are a gift from the Lord.

LESSON #4: Human efforts can never accomplish God's ultimate purpose.

LESSON #5: Our love and preferences sometimes do not equal God's will.

LESSON #6: God, in His own time, remembered Rachel and made her fruitful.

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**STUDY NUMBER NINE - GENESIS 31:1-55****NOTES****QUESTIONS:**

1. Read Genesis 31:1-55 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

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2. What message does Jacob receive from the Lord, according to verse 3?

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3. Describe Jacob's and Laban's relationship, according to verses 5-9.

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4. How do Rachel and Leah respond to the message of the Lord which has been given to Jacob, according to verses 14-16?

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5. Where is Jacob heading with all of his possessions and family, according to verse 18?

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6. Describe Laban's response to their departure.

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7. What had Rachel done that caused Laban to search all of their belongings?

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8. How does Jacob respond to Laban, according to verses 36-42?

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9. Which verse in the study has meant the most to you?

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10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

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**LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:**

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: The indicators for a new direction in the will of God are described in these verses: 1) there is the inward indicator which is the desire on the part of the one being led; 2) there is the outward indicator and that is the circumstances that surround us; and 3) there is the upward indicator and that is God speaking clearly to us through His Word.

LESSON #2: Oneness with your wife is a safeguard in knowing His will.

LESSON #3: God did not allow Laban to hurt Jacob because Jacob was in the center of God's will.

LESSON #4: God is faithful to prosper when we are willing to trust Him and do it His way.

LESSON #5: Keep yourself from idols.

LESSON #6: Bitter and resentful feelings will often come to the surface at a time of confrontation.

LESSON #7: God has seen my affliction and the toil of my hands, so He rendered judgment last night.

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**STUDY NUMBER TEN - [GENESIS 32:1-32](#)****NOTES****QUESTIONS:**

1. Read [Genesis 32:1-32](#) and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

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2. What happened to Jacob in [verse 1](#)?

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3. What preparations does Jacob make in the meeting of Esau?

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4. What report does Jacob receive from his servants, and how does he respond, according to [verses 6 & 7](#)?

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5. What does Jacob do in [verses 9-12](#)?

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6. What preparations does Jacob make for meeting Esau in [verses 13-20](#)?

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7. Describe what happens to Jacob in [verses 24-30](#).

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8. What mark does Jacob bear as a result of his wrestling match, according to [verse 31](#)?

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9. Which verse in the study has meant the most to you?

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10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

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**LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:**

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: At the hour of Jacob’s need the angels met him. “But my God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus” (Philippians 4:19).

LESSON #2: It is the Father’s will that we come to Him and as a servant ask of Him in prayer, “What wilt thou have me to do? Speak Lord for thy servant heareth.”

LESSON #3: It is not the Father’s desire to bless our plans as we pray.

LESSON #4: It is good to remind the Lord of His promises in the time of crises.

LESSON #5: The promises and the blessings will not be acquired through human effort.

LESSON #6: God may have to touch us physically when we fail to respond to Him spiritually.

LESSON #7: God helps the helpless.

LESSON #8: Jacob is now learning to do it God’s way.

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**QUESTIONS:**

1. Read Genesis 33:1-20 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

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2. Why was Jacob so afraid of Esau and his 400 men? Summarize history between them.

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3. What is the significance of putting his family in the order he did in verse 2?

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4. How did Esau respond to Jacob, according to verse 4?

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5. How does Jacob refer to his family, according to verse 5?

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6. Why does Jacob decline Esau's offer to accompany him, according to verse 13?

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7. When Jacob and Esau parted, where did they each go, according to verses 16-19?

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8. What does Jacob do, according to verse 20?

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9. Which verse in the study has meant the most to you?

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10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

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**LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:**

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: Jacob is reaping what he has sown in the past.

LESSON #2: What conflicts we create for ourselves when we act in the flesh rather than waiting on God.

LESSON #3: The awesome power of forgiveness is seen in the reconciliation of Jacob and Esau.

LESSON #4: The humility of Jacob prepares the way for resolution of the conflict.

LESSON #5: Children are a gift from the Lord.

LESSON #6: Jacob brought gifts to find favor in Esau's eyes.

LESSON #7: Gift-giving and receiving can pave the way for reconciliation.

LESSON #8: Contentment is expressed by Jacob in the phrase: "God has been gracious to me and I have all that I need" (verse 11).

LESSON #9: More than anything Jacob just wanted favor in the eyes of Esau.

LESSON #10: As an act of worship, Jacob sets up an altar.

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**STUDY NUMBER TWELVE - [GENESIS 35:1-29](#)**

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**QUESTIONS:**

1. Read [Genesis 35:1-29](#) and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

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2. What message does Jacob receive from God in [verse 1](#)?

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3. What does Jacob command his family to do as a result of this word from the Lord?

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4. Where does Jacob go and what does he do according to [verses 6 & 7](#)?

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5. What message does Jacob receive from the Lord in [verses 10-12](#)?

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6. What is Jacob's response to this message from the Lord, according to [verses 14 & 15](#)?

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7. What happens to Rachel in verses 16-19?

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8. What is the name of the son born to Rachel in her death?

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9. Which verse in the study has meant the most to you?

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10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

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**LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:**

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: God is ever calling us to Bethel to our meeting with Him. From the garden of Eden it has been Adam, "Where are you?"

LESSON #2: Restoration to fellowship involves casting out the idols experiencing the cleansing of the Spirit through confession and the changing of our garments for His robe of righteousness.

LESSON #3: A man in fellowship is more concerned about the person than he is the place.

LESSON #4: There are no rebukes upon return, only promises.

LESSON #5: Sorrow is used as a part of the training process to make us more godly.

LESSON #6: A lot of sorrow in our lives is explained because we love what we should not.

**ADDITIONAL NOTES:**

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