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“Quantum Leap”

Jacob (Part 3)

“For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen.

For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.”

(2 Corinthians 4:17-18)

Twilight Tweaking

Genesis 28:10-13(a) – (10) “Jacob left Beersheba and went toward Haran.

(11) And he came to a certain place and stayed there that night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place to sleep. (12) And he dreamed, and behold, there was a ladder (*stairs*) set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven. And behold, the angels of God were ascending and descending on it! (13) “And behold, the LORD stood above it...”

God’s Intent is for Us to have a Kingdom Mindset

That Which Matters

Genesis 28:13-15 – (13) “And behold, the LORD stood above it and said, ‘I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac. The land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring. (14) Your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and in you and your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed.’ (15) Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land. For I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.”

Two Typical Missteps:

1. Elevating the Incidental - Correlation does not equal Causation

Genesis 28:16-19 – (16) Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, ‘Surely the LORD is in this place, and I did not know it.’ (17) And he was afraid and said, ‘How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.’ (18) So early in the morning Jacob took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. (19) He called the name of that place Bethel (*God’s House*), but the name of the city was Luz at the first.”

2. Religious Reductionism – “Let’s Make a Deal”

Genesis 28:20-22 – (20) “Then Jacob made a vow, saying, ‘If God will be with me and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat and clothing to wear, (21) so that I come again to my father’s house in peace, then the LORD shall be my God, (22) and this stone, which I have set up for a pillar, shall be God’s house. And of all that you give me I will give a full tenth to you.”

2 Encouraging Truths:

Jesus is Always with Me

“And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”
(Matthew 28:20)

God has a Good End for Our Journey

“so that by two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to hold fast to the hope set before us.” (Hebrews 6:18)

(ESV used unless otherwise noted)

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