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## **“Double Camp”**

### **Jacob (Part 11)**

**“What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?” (Romans 8:31)**

### **Helpful Host of Heaven**

**Genesis 31:55, 32:1-2** – (55) “Early in the morning Laban arose and kissed his grandchildren and his daughters and blessed them. Then Laban departed and returned home. (1) Jacob went on his way, and the angels of God met him. (2) And when Jacob saw them he said, ‘This is God’s camp!’ So he called the name of that place Mahanaim (double camp).”

### **Out of the Frying Pan...**

**Genesis 32:3-12** – (3) “And Jacob sent messengers before him to Esau his brother in the land of Seir, the country of Edom, (4) instructing them, ‘Thus you shall say to my lord Esau: Thus says your servant Jacob, ‘I have sojourned with Laban and stayed until now. (5) I have oxen, donkeys, flocks, male servants, and female servants. I have sent to tell my lord, in order that I may find favor in your sight.’ (6) And the messengers returned to Jacob, saying, ‘We came to your brother Esau, and he is coming to meet you, and there are four hundred men with him.’ (7) Then Jacob was greatly afraid and distressed. He divided the people who were with him, and the flocks and herds and camels, into two camps, (8) thinking, ‘If Esau comes to the one camp and attacks it, then the camp that is left will escape.’ (9) And Jacob said, ‘O God of my father Abraham and God of my father Isaac, O LORD who said to me, ‘Return to your country and to your kindred, that I may do you good,’ (10) I am not worthy of the least of all the deeds of steadfast love and all the faithfulness that you have shown to your servant, for with only my staff I crossed this Jordan, and now I have become two camps. (11) Please deliver me from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esau, for I fear him, that he may come and attack me, the mothers with the children. (12) But you said, ‘I will surely do you good, and make your offspring as the sand of the sea, which cannot be numbered for multitude.”

### **(1)Factor in Heavenly Support (verses 1-2)**

**2 Kings 6:15-17** – (15) “When the servant of the man of God rose early in the morning and went out, behold, an army with horses and chariots was all around the city. And the servant said, ‘Alas, my master! What shall we do?’ (16) He said, ‘Do not be afraid, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them.’

(17) Then Elisha prayed and said, ‘O LORD, please open his eyes that he may see.’ So the LORD opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw, and behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.”

**(2) Question your Fears (verses 7, 11-12)**

Mark 4:40 – “He said to them, ‘Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?’”

**(3) Remember it is not about my ‘worthiness’ but God’s willingness to take care of me. (verses 9-12)**

Deuteronomy 7:7-8 – (7) “It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, (8) but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.”

Deuteronomy 23:5 – “But the LORD your God would not listen to Balaam; instead the LORD your God turned the curse into a blessing for you, because the LORD your God loved you.”

Luke 12:32 – “Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.”

(ESV used unless otherwise noted)

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