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“Renewal”

Jacob (Part 17)

**“Restore us to yourself, O LORD, that we may be restored!
Renew our days as of old” (Lamentations 5:21)**

Reorienting the Household to God’s House

Genesis 35:1-4 – (1) “God said to Jacob, ‘Arise, go up to Bethel and dwell there. Make an altar there to the God who appeared to you when you fled from your brother Esau.’ (2) So Jacob said to his household and to all who were with him, ‘Put away the foreign gods that are among you and purify yourselves and change your garments. (3) Then let us arise and go up to Bethel, so that I may make there an altar to the God who answers me in the day of my distress and has been with me wherever I have gone.’ (4) So they gave to Jacob all the foreign gods that they had, and the rings that were in their ears. Jacob hid them under the terebinth tree that was near Shechem.”

Renewing Connection with God

Genesis 35:5-7 – (5) “And as they journeyed, a terror from God fell upon the cities that were around them, so that they did not pursue the sons of Jacob. (6) And Jacob came to Luz (that is, Bethel), which is in the land of Canaan, he and all the people who were with him, (7) and there he built an altar and called the place El-bethel, because there God had revealed himself to him when he fled from his brother.”

God’s Priority is for His People is always Relationship

Reiterating the New Identity

Genesis 35:9-10 – (9) “God appeared to Jacob again, when he came from Paddan-aram, and blessed him. (10) And God said to him, ‘Your name is Jacob; no longer shall your name be called Jacob, but Israel shall be your name.’ So he called his name Israel.”

Reiterating the Covenant of Grace

Genesis 35:11-13 – (11) “And God said to him, ‘I am God Almighty: be fruitful and multiply. A nation and a company of nations shall come from you, and kings shall come from your own body. (12) The land that I gave to Abraham and Isaac I

will give to you, and I will give the land to your offspring after you.’ (13) Then God went up from him in the place where he had spoken with him.”

Renewal:

An Ongoing Activity

“Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal (*repetitive refreshing, renovation*) of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.” (Romans 12:2)

A Mandate from Jesus

“Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first. If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent.” (Revelation 2:5)

God’s Restorative Work

“And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, ‘Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.’ And he who was seated on the throne said, ‘Behold, I am making all things new’ Also he said, ‘Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.’” (Revelation 21:3-5)

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