

Sunday February 25, 2024 - "Genesis - Jacob - Week 2 - God's Faithfulness" - Wayne Stapleton

Key Passages: Genesis 26:1-35, Philippians 1:6, Luke 10:27

- Feel free to read the passage(s) out loud as a group
- Allow the group to share freely about what stood out to them from the passage or from Sunday's message

Main Ideas

- Genesis 26:1-5 (actually happens before chapter 25)
- Trio of dads → birth of a nation/people
 - Jesus was born into a people
 - Into a specific nation with a unique history
- God makes Isaac 5 promises: I will be with you, I will bless you, I will give all these lands to you and your offspring, I will establish the oath I swore to you father, I will multiply your offspring
- Abraham's faithfulness: Abraham obeyed My voice, he kept My charge, he kept My commandments, he kept My statutes, he kept My laws
- Genesis 15:6
 - God sees Abraham as obedient
 - When we believe → credited to us as righteousness
- Isaac is PROTECTED (Genesis 26:10-11)
 - God's faithfulness and sovereignty
 - Isaac didn't need to fear for his life
- Isaac PROSPERS
 - Economic prosperity isn't ALWAYS a sign of divine blessing
 - Faithful Christians are not all prosperous... God intentionally blesses Isaac but there is tension
- Genesis 26:23-25 - God reaffirms his promise
- Isaac experiences PEACE
 - Isaac had to leave because of his wealth and prosperity
 - But God brings peace between Isaac and the Philistines
- God's promises to us aren't the same as to Isaac...they're even better
 - Presence of the Holy Spirit
 - Never leave us...through trouble...he has overcome the world
- Not just information but Spiritual transformation
 - No doctrine layering onto our brains but interacting with and impacting our stories
 - We don't have to be afraid... God is faithful
- 3 tenses of salvation → Sanctification (Philippians 1:6)
 - I have BEEN saved
 - I am BEING saved
 - I WILL BE saved
- His faithfulness is the basis for our love for Him (Luke 10:27)

Questions (Feel free to use all of these, some of these, or none of these)

1. What promises of God do you find yourself holding onto the most right now?
2. How have you seen God's sovereignty in your own life?
3. How have you experienced the protection, prosperity to peace of God?
4. In what ways have you been transformed by your theology?
5. When was a time that you wavered and God was still faithful?
6. What does it look like to seek the heart of God and not just his gifts?
7. What is God inviting you into as a result of this message or passage?

Songs from the weekend:

[Praise - *Elevation Worship*] - [Son of Suffering - *Bethel Music*] - [Do It Again - *Shane and Shane*] - [Firm Foundation - *Cody Carnes*]