

**SERMON:** The Pursuit of Reconciliation  
**SCRIPTURE:** Genesis 33

**SERIES:** Jacob: Seeking True Blessings  
**SPEAKER:** Pastor Mark

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**THE GOAL:** The primary goal of a small group at Grace is to develop a Christian community where Jesus is experienced through the gospel.

**ACCOUNTABILITY QUESTIONS:** Use these questions to explore how God is at work in our families, communities, workplaces, and church.

1. Where have you seen God at work in your life this week?
2. What temptations have you been facing this week? How is God delivering you?
3. How have you experienced God's grace this week?
4. In what ways are you growing in your love for God?
5. In what ways are you growing in your love for others?
6. Have you started or stopped something this week just because you love Jesus?

**REVIEW:** Use these questions to better understand and apply the passage/sermon.

**Observation:** as a group talk through and summarize the passage. Think through Who, What, Where, When, How, Why questions together.

**Interpretation:** answer these questions together:

1. What does this passage teach us about God?
2. What does this passage teach us about us (mankind)?
3. What does this passage teach us about salvation/grace?
4. How does this passage point to Christ?

**Application:** answer these questions together:

1. How does this passage convict you? Encourage you? Inspire you?
2. What specific truth do you see about God and how would your life be different if you really believed it?
3. By God's grace, what commitments do you need to make this week? Or, what do you need to start obeying/believing?

**GO DEEPER:** Use these questions to go deeper into the passage, minds, and hearts.

1. Be hopeful and pursue reconciliation. Is there a situation in your life where you need to pursue reconciliation? Have you done everything you can to pursue reconciliation? How does the Jacob and Esau story bring you hope?
2. Reconciliation is costly and requires courage and humility. How did Jacob demonstrate both courage and humility? How did he make restitution? Do you need to make restitution with someone? How does the gospel bring us both the courage and humility we need?
3. Reconciliation is an important step but not the only step in your spiritual growth. How does Jacob demonstrate that he still has a way to go in his faith (think about how he failed to go to Bethel)? Is there an area of your life where your obedience is "half-way obedience?" OR is there an area of your life where God is asking you to trust him more today?
4. Do you know what it cost God to reconcile with you? How does this gospel melt your hard heart?

Pray: Praise God for his great reconciliation with us. Confess ways that you have resisted reconciliation with others and ask God to empower you to seek reconciliation.