

**SERMON:** Recognizing God's Blessing  
**SCRIPTURE:** Genesis 30:25-32:2

**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. All your blessings come from the grace of God. How do we see Jacob recognizing this truth? What work of God's grace are you able to recognize and be thankful for today?
2. Our spiritual growth is reflected in our relational growth. How do we see Jacob growing in his relationship with God and with others? Where can you see your own spiritual growth (trust in God's grace, love, peace, forgiveness) resulting in relational growth with others?

Bonus: Do you have a Laban in your life? In what way can you trust that God is working to protect you? Talk through with your group if a separation is needed (Is there physical danger? Is the relationship causing more harm than good? Would separation benefit the community?).

3. How does Jacob's story image God's big story of salvation? How does the gospel prove that God will rescue us, stay with us, and bring us home?

Pray: Praise God for his so great salvation. Confess ways that you have failed to thank God for his grace. Ask God to allow his love and grace to change how you relate to others.