



Sermon Questions

June 21, 2026 | Scripture: Genesis 27:41-8:5,8:10-22 – Jacob’s Dream

Sermon in a sentence: God’s presence changes our lives.

How might you summarize the sermon?

Core Questions

1. What strikes you about God’s appearance in this passage?
2. What are the circumstances of Jacob leaving his home?
3. In what ways might the circumstances of Jacob’s life have been used by God to prime Jacob for his encounter with God?
4. What makes Jacob’s “vow” a poor response to God’s presence?
5. What is the substance of God’s promise to Jacob?

Inward Grace in Action

1. How does God’s presence with Jacob and the “ladder” being from heaven and not to heaven, differentiate Christianity from every other faith?
2. How does God’s presence and blessing interrupt your independence? What has this looked like in your life?
3. How does Jesus use the picture of this ladder in his interactions with Nathaniel (John 1:43-51)? How does the incarnation, the fact that Jesus took on human flesh to bring divinity and humanity together give us great confidence and consolation?

Outward Grace in Action

1. What should we aim for in our response to the presence and blessing of God (contra Jacob’s vow)?

For Families: Ideas of how to keep the conversation going at home, in the car, or around the dinner table:

1. **A - Ask about the message:** Do you know how God comes near to us?
2. **S – Share your thoughts:** Talk about how Jesus’ human nature makes the presence of God a deep comfort to you.
3. **K – Keep it going:** Teach your children the 1,2,3’s of Christology. Jesus is one person, with two natures (human and divine), in three offices (prophet, priest, and king), in 4 movements, (incarnation, crucifixion, resurrection, ascension).

WORSHIP THROUGHOUT THE WEEK

Here are some other ways you can meet with God throughout the week:

Reflect on these passages that trace the theme of God’s presence throughout the scriptures:

- Genesis 12:1-3, 13:14-17, 15:1-21, 17:1-8
- Hosea 12:3-4,12
- Psalm 91:11-12
- John 1:43-51
- Ephesians 2:19-22
- Revelation 21:1-3

Mission: Pray for VBS and the Scotland mission’s trip.

Look Ahead: Next week we will continue our series in the gospel in the life of Jacob with Pastor Joe preaching on Jacob’s Marriages from Genesis 29:1-30.