



Sermon Questions

July 19, 2026 | Scripture: Genesis 32:1-2 – Jacob’s Fear

Sermon in a sentence: When you are in the valley of fear you can find comfort and hope in God’s promises.

How might you summarize the sermon?

Core Questions

1. Why is Jacob afraid?
2. Discuss the justice of Jacob’s actions towards Esau in this passage?
3. What do you notice about Jacob’s prayer in this passage?
4. What other prayers in Scripture happen in the context of a “valley of fear”?

Inward Grace in Action

1. What is your response to fear?
2. Is fear a sin? Does it always point to a lack of faith in God?
3. What are some of God’s promises that specifically address our fears?
4. How can a circumstance that provokes fear serve as a way to focus our attention on God?

Outward Grace in Action

1. What are some ways you might interact with a neighbor/friend/coworker who is not a Christian in a circumstance or a conversation about a time when they might have been afraid?

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:** What are some things that you are afraid of? How can you pray when you’re afraid?
2. **S – Share your thoughts:** Share some things that you fear and how God has comforted you through times of fear.
3. **K – Keep it going:** Read Matthew 26:36-46 and Romans 8:31-39 with your child(ren). Show them how Jesus’ prayer during his fear and his trust of the Father to overcome the cross leads to the security we have in him.

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 in our fear:

- Genesis 27:41-46
- Psalm 34:1-4
- Jeremiah 1:8
- Matthew 26:36-46
- Romans 8:31-39
- 1 John 4:18

Mission: Pray for Pastor Bill as he leads a retreat for ministry workers of our partners in Tanzania.

Look Ahead: Next week we will continue our series in the gospel in the life of Jacob with Pastor Ryan preaching on Jacob’s Wrestling from Genesis 32:22-32.